THE WEATHER
Probably rain late tonight and Friday morning; warmer tonight.

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GERMANS CLAIM VICTORY

LONG CONFERENCE HELD BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

High School Matter Discussed—Proposition for Big Heating Plant—To Clear Site

There were conferences galore at city hall today, lasting from 11 o'clock in the forenoon till after 2 o'clock in the afternoon. They had to do with the plans for the high school, the removal of buildings to make way for the school, the power plant, and other things, including four of Philoppoteaux's war pictures for the Memorial building and a sewer in Pawtucketville.

The first conference was with Orrin W. Griffin, who owns the Philoppoteaux war pictures and who would like to sell four of them to the city to be placed in the Memorial building. The price asked is $1000 a picture. Mr. Griffin said the pictures would not cost very much more than mural paintings and that they would prove a big attraction. The pictures represent Civil war scenes and are large enough to cover two walls in that section of the Memorial building where mural paintings were intended. Mr. Putnam was instructed to consult with John I. Cogeshall, a well known artist of this city, as to the value of the pictures and their adaptability to the Memorial building.

Radiators and Boilers

Commissioner Putnam wanted to know about selling the radiators and boilers from houses seized by the city in Kirk and Anne streets. Mr. Putnam said there was very little that he thought the city could use in the public property or other departments.

Abel Campbell appeared before the council and suggested that the razing of the buildings and clearing away of the debris be put up at contract and that bids be called for. He said he represented a company that would be glad to compete.

Mr. Campbell said that a great many of the fixtures had been taken away, presumably by persons vacating the buildings and Mr. Putnam said that was so, but that later on the fixings would be recovered.

Mr. Campbell said that whoever took the buildings down should be made to provide a bond of $15,000 or $20,000 and the company he represents would be willing to compete with all comers. He thought the buildings could be torn down in 50 or 60 working days and that such stipulation could be incorporated in the contract. He thought that the wreckers could get the buildings away so that work on the new high school could be begun in March.

Mr. Campbell told of several large buildings that his company had taken down and said that very recently they had contracted for the taking down of a $3,000,000 building. The company, he said, would prefer to hire Lowell labor. Among the buildings torn down by the company represented by Mr. Campbell was the Hotel Pelham in Boston, the quick disappearance of which was a sort of seven days' wonder in the Hub. The Hotel Pelham was opposite the Touraine.

It was decided to take up Mr. Campbell's proposition at the next meeting of the council.

Mr. McLaughlin Heard

Mr. James McLaughlin, consulting engineer in connection with the high school plans, was called before the council upon suggestion of the mayor who wanted to ascertain the feeling of the council relative to a continuation of Mr. McLaughlin's services.

Mr. Putnam thought Mr. McLaughlin's services should be terminated for the present and that if at any later date Mr. Rourke, the architect whose plans were accepted, asked for assistance the matter could be considered by the council.

The mayor then asked Mr. McLaughlin as to his compensation thus far, the council not having made any previous arrangement or agreement with Mr. McLaughlin as to price and the latter thought he ought to receive $1200.

In reply to a question by Mr. Carmichael as to his own opinion relative to a continuation of his service, Mr. McLaughlin said it was customary to employ an expert with whom the architect could consult. He said it was quite a complex problem and he believed the city would get back more than the amount that would be paid him for his services.

Mr. Carmichael said he would be in favor of retaining Mr. McLaughlin's services and that the city should enter into a contract with him. "I think," said Mr. Carmichael, "that Mr. McLaughlin's services have been eminently satisfactory and I think it would be to the city's interests to continue his employment."

Mr McLaughlin said the proposition was a big one for one man "I do not wish to force my services upon you," said Mr McLaughlin, "but you have

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THE ROTTERDAM ARRIVES

AUSTRIAN ARMY OFFICER TAKEN OFF BY BRITISH—MAIL FROM BERLIN SEIZED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The steamer Rotterdam, arriving at New York today from Rotterdam and Falmouth, reported that while held in the Downs over the night of Dec. 11, until the morning of the 12th, a British patrol came on board and took ashore a stowaway, Arthur Grunhut, an Austrian army officer of the motor corps.

The steamer then proceeded to Falmouth, where, during two days' detention, British authorities took thirty-nine sacks of mail ashore, 18 sacks from Berlin, 11 from Constantinople and 10 from Sofia.

Capt. J. Baron protested without avail that the seizure was illegal and was obliged to accept a receipt for the mail. He was assured, however, that after the mail had been censored it would be sent by another steamer.

Among the passengers were William Thaw, Norman Prince and Elliot C. Cowdin, three American aviators who have been in the French service; Mrs. John Astor, Col. George Harvey and Stanley Washburn of the London Times who has just come out of Russia.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EXERCISES HELD TODAY—GIFTS TO CHILDREN

The annual Christmas exercises at St. Michael's parochial school were held today, with the pastor, Rev. John J. Shaw, and Rev. Francis T. Mullin, as guests of the teachers and pupils. At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus appeared loaded down with gifts and he presented each pupil with a bag of candy and a token of remembrance. The program participated in by the first grades was as follows:

Christmas Hymn, Opening
Christmas Errand,
M. Riley
Birthday of Our King,
A. Heath
A Good Time,
Song by Class
Only Once a Year,
L. Custer, M. Sherry, A. Bagley
Bethlehem,
G. Cote
Christmas,
J. Healey, G. Cote, B. Meagher, T. Callery, H. Custer, L. Hall, B. Burns, L. Judge, W. Irvin.
Jingle Bells,
Song by Class
Made to Order,
A. Emond
A Christmas Story,
G. Hoyt, C. Brady, G. Curley, M. Delaney, I. Montgomery.
I Wrote a Note to Santa,
Song by Class
Story of Christmas,
Girls
Hymn,
Class

OIL STOVE EXPLODED

FIRE IN CENTRAL STREET LODGING HOUSE LAST NIGHT—BOX 228 SOUNDED

Fire caused by an oil stove explosion gutted a room in a lodging house at 228 Central street about 10 o'clock last evening. One of the tenants lighted the stove to warm the room after the arrival of the occupant, Mrs. Lottie Alix, who returns from the U. S. Cartridge shop at 10.30. She left the stove and a moment later the room was a mass of flames. An alarm from box 228, corner of George and Warren streets, summoned the department and the blaze was checked. The property is owned by Peter Donohoe and the lodging house is conducted by Mrs. Mary Morin.

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2 DAYS MORE TO SHOP TO CHRISTMAS

PEAK TAKEN BY FRENCH HAS BEEN RECAPTURED

Much Disputed Summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf Again in German Hands—New Japanese Liner Sunk Without Warning — Dardanelles Expedition Cost British 112,921 Men—Martial Law in Greece Near

The much disputed summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf in the Vosges is again in German hands, according to Berlin. It is announced by the war office that the peak, taken by the French on Tuesday, was recaptured by a landwehr regiment, the French defenders of the position suffering heavily and losing more than 1500 men taken prisoner.

The French official statement of today declared that there was no change in the situation on the left of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, where the Germans were counter-attacking, while progress had been made during the day yesterday by the French right.

Japanese Liner Sunk

The Japanese liner Yasaka Maru was sunk by a submarine without warning, according to reports from her agents. The vessel went down in the Mediterranean while bound from London to Japan with 120 passengers, one of them an American, all of whom were saved.

British Losses in Dardanelles

The Dardanelles expedition has cost the British 112,921 men, these being the official figures of casualties up to Dec. 11. Of this number 1609 officers and 23,670 men were killed.

On Gallipoli Peninsula

Constantinople records only artillery actions and bombing encounters on the Gallipoli peninsula instead of the intense activity that preceded the allied retirement from Suvla and Anzac zones.

Teutons Advance on Saloniki

An Athens correspondent says it is expected there that the Teutonic forces concentrated at Gievgeli in southeastern Serbia, will begin their advance toward Saloniki before the week is over.

Deny Russians at Varna

Petrograd advices contradict the reports of the landing of Russian troops at Varna, on the Bulgarian Black sea coast. There was only a brush with the coast batteries there by warships pursuing a Bulgarian torpedoboat, it is declared.

PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW IS REPORTED TO BE IMMINENT

LONDON, Dec. 23, 12.16 p. m.—Proclamation of martial law in Greece is reported unofficially to be imminent. Although no confirmation of this report is available, there is evidence of growing uneasiness at Athens over the possibility that Bulgarian troops will cross the border.

The only thing which has occurred to relieve the situation is the announcement that the Bulgarian officer in command of the force which clashed with the Greeks in Epirus has been punished and that the incident is considered closed.

New Japanese Liner Sunk

Recrudescence of submarine activity in the near east is signalized in a startling manner by the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. Apparently there was no loss of life but, according to marine insurance men, the property loss was the heaviest incurred in any marine disaster of the war. The nature of the valuable cargo remains undisclosed.

Bombardment of Varna

The mystery of the bombardment of Varna, which was at first depicted as a formidable Russian attack on the chief Bulgarian port, has stirred London, but according to reports from both sides it was nothing more than a minor naval action among torpedo boats, in which the shore batteries participated. However, a large Russian fleet is said to be in the vicinity of Varna and the action may be merely the preliminary to a serious Russian attack.

At Hartmanns-Weilerkopf

Hartmanns-Weilerkopf is once more an object of contention. Possession of the summit of this mountain has been disputed so closely by military forces, as well as by those who officially record their movements, that an Associated Press correspondent was called upon last April to decide the relative positions of the opposing sides. In the present instance the French assert they have expelled the Germans from their highest trenches. The Germans admit retirement from the summit, which they assert they had occupied since April. The French claim they have not only advanced their positions substantially, notwithstanding the fact that the Germans succeeded in reoccupying some of the lost trenches, but have forestalled in a measure an offensive which the Germans had been preparing in the Vosges.

FEATURES OF LAST NIGHT'S WAR NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Sharp artillery combats on the British front in the west.

Berlin claims Germans have regained part of ground on mountain in Alsace recently taken by the French.

Fort Por on Tyrol front attacked by Italian artillery and aeroplanes.

House of commons votes without division to increase British army to 4,000,000 men.

Three hundred women workers in German powder mill killed by explosion, as reported from Holland.

AN ASSAULT CASE

Carpenter Knocked Senseless by Fellow-Workman—Fined $12

Lorne E. Serviss, employed as a carpenter at the United States Cartridge Co., told Judge Enright in police court this forenoon that he was struck and knocked unconscious by a fellow workman at the plant Tuesday afternoon and that since that time he has been suffering from a nervous trouble caused by the blows. The defendant in the case was Charles Killpatrick, a carpenter from Boston, who entered a plea of not guilty.

The assault occurred in a building under the process of construction at a spot where Serviss and his "working mate" were nailing some boards. Serviss claims that Killpatrick approached him and said that the work was not being done properly. He told him if that were true, the foreman should give the orders for changes instead of Killpatrick. An altercation followed, it is alleged, Killpatrick drawing off and pounding Serviss under the left eye. The witness said he remembered no more for several minutes and when he came to he found that the back of his head was bruised. He staggered home, he said, and got into bed with his clothes on and did not realize anything until the following morning. Since then he says he is stricken with frequent weak spells as a result of the effect of the beating up he received.

A carpenter working with Serviss said that he heard the argument between the two men but was standing with his back turned and did not see the struggle. When he turned both men were lying on the floor, Killpatrick being on top. The witness said he did not see any blows struck.

"Are you afraid of this defendant?" asked the court.

The witness, small in stature, appeared surprised an answered: "Me! He may be bigger than me, but I ain't afraid of him. I never was afraid of anybody and nobody ever licked me."

The defendant admitted the trouble but said that he struck only in self-defense. "When that man raised his hand to hit me, I struck him first," he said. The court found Killpatrick guilty and imposed a fine of $12. He paid.

Michael Shamas, accused of assault and battery, pleaded nolo and had his case placed on file. There were a few drunken offenders who paid fines.

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If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

NEW HAVEN TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Argument by counsel for the defense on the motion for dismissal of the anti trust case against the eleven former directors of the New Haven railroad, was resumed today with a plea in behalf of the defendant, Charles F. Brooker, by Goldthwaite H. Dorr Judge Hunt indicated that he would entertain a motion to strike out a portion of the government's testimony against Brooker having to do with the alleged suppression of trolley line competition. This consisted of a letter written to Brooker by the late John M. Hall, former president of the New Haven, requesting him to use his influence with a Connecticut legislator to prevent the construction of a trolley line. Mr. Dorr raised the point that the line was not mentioned in the indictment. Judge Hunt said that that was in accord with his recollection and that he would strike the letter out if, after examining the record, such proved to be the case.

Mr. Brooker, president of the American Brass Co. and former member of the republican national committee, was longer a member of the New Haven directorate than any other defendant on trial with the exception of William Rockefeller. He joined the board in 1891. Beginning with that date his attorney took up seriatim the various acquisitions made by the New Haven, and sought to show the court the benefits that ensued, and argued that Brooker, invoting for these acquisitions was inspired by "practical business common sense." There was nothing in the evidence to show, the lawyer maintained, that his client had "a criminal purpose."

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INDICTED FOR PLOT TO BLOW UP WELLAND CANAL

Koenig and Leyendecker Charged With Plot to Set Up Military Enterprise Against Canada

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Indictments were returned today charging Paul Koenig, chief detective of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, dealer in antiques, with conspiring to dynamite the Welland canal. Edmund Justice, a Hamburg-American line watchman, was also indicted with Koenig on charges of conspiring to secure military information for the German government.

The indictments against Koenig and Leyendecker charge them with conspiring to "set on foot in the United States a military enterprise against the Dominion of Canada." The indictments set forth that a part of this alleged conspiracy was to destroy with dynamite, or other means, the Welland canal leading from Port Colborne, on Lake Erie, to Port Dalhousie, on Lake Ontario.

As a part of the plot to destroy the canal, the indictments allege, Koenig and Leyendecker planned to secure employment for their agents in various factories and mills adjacent to the canal.

Various Plants Marked

The military force, which the indictments charge Koenig and Leyendecker planned to send from this country, was also intended to destroy "various plants and properties in Canada other than the Welland canal."

Koenig and Justice are charged in the indictments with having conspired in the United States to secure for the German government information regarding the character and quantity of munitions and other war materials being sent from Canada to Great Britain.

Information for Germany

In this connection, it is charged that Justice made trips to Portland, Me., Burlington, Vt., and Quebec, Canada, during September, 1914, and that all of these trips were a part of the conspiracy to secure military information for the German government.

Koenig, in his various activities, is alleged to have been known under the aliases of Wagner, Wegenkamp, Kelley, Winter and Perkins, while Leyendecker was known as Z. D. Decker and R. Decker.

Penalty for Charges

The indictments charge that on several of his trips Justice was accompanied by Frederick Metzler, Koenig's stenographer, who was recently arrested and who appeared before the federal grand jury which returned the indictments today.

The maximum penalty for the charges is three years' imprisonment and $3000 fine.

ADMITS BUYING POTASH

Max Breitung Says He Purchased 300 Pounds of Chlorate of Potash For Lieut. Fay

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Max Breitung, under indictment with Robert Fay, Dr. Herbert Kienzle, Walter Scholz and Paul Daeche on charges of conspiring to blow up munition ships leaving this country, today admitted through his attorney, John B. Stanchfield, that he bought 350 pounds of chlorate of potash for Fay. The admission was made when Mr. Stanchfield moved for a separate trial for Breitung.

Breitung purchased the potash, one of the chief components in certain forms of explosives at Fay's request, Mr. Stanchfield said, and in so doing acted in good faith and was entirely innocent of any plan to destroy ships. Decision on the motion was put over until January 3, when decisions on similar motions by two of the other defendants will be rendered.

William McCulley, whose name was first given as Robert McCauley and who was taken to police headquarters at the request of department of justice officials investigating the plot to dynamite the Welland canal, was released today after having been questioned by federal officials. Although McCulley admitted having for five years known Paul Koenig, chief of the Hamburg-American line detectives and accused by the government of having formulated the Welland canal plot and having recently been employed as a "trailer," federal officials said there was nothing to warrant holding the man.

E. T. SUMNER DEAD

Oldest Railroad Man in New England—Friend of Gen. Butler

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Eben T. Sumner, one of the oldest railroad men in New England and for 62 years an employe of the Boston & Lowell and its successor, the Boston & Maine railroad, died at his home at Melrose last night, aged 77. He retired from active service last month. In connection with Mr. Sumner's early career as a locomotive engineer, railroad men recalled today that while Gen. Benjamin F. Butler was a practicing attorney in Boston it sometimes happened that he failed to leave his office in time to catch the night train for Lowell. When thus delayed he called at Mr. Sumner's home and the engineer, who was his close personal friend, would make up a special train to take him to Lowell without going to headquarters for authority.

Deposit that Christmas money in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. Saturday, January 1st, is "Quarter Day."

WOMAN DRANK POISON

Georgiana Contakon is in a serious condition at the Lowell hospital as a result of swallowing some poison at 571 Market street late yesterday afternoon. It is said that the woman yesterday afternoon purchased the poison in tablet form and upon her return home mixed it and drank it. At first she refused to go to the hospital, but was ordered removed by the police.

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FRENCH REPLY DELAYED

NO ANSWER TO U. S. PROTEST TILL REPORT IS RECEIVED FROM COMMANDER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Ambassador Sharp at Paris today notified the state department that France would not reply to the American note protesting against the removal of Germans and Austrians from American vessels on the high seas by the French cruiser Descartes until the commander of the warship had reported. The French government is endeavoring to secure a report from the commander.

TURKISH WAR REPORT

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 22, via London, Dec. 23.—The Turkish war office tonight gave out the following statement:

"Along the entire northern front our troops are approaching the barbed wire entanglements of the enemy trenches.

"On the Dardanelles front near Seddul Bahr there have been temporarily artillery and bombing encounters. Our artillery on the Anatolian coast straits successfully bombarded Mortoliman and the landing places at Tekke Burnu. Near Mortoliman we sunk two small boats and near Tekke a small ammunition vessel. In one sector cleared of the enemy we found provisions of all kinds sufficient for an army corps for a long time. 1,000,000 sand bags, some thousands of tents, 500 blankets, 400 stretchers, one mortar near Aghine Dere, and many mortar bombs hidden in the ground

"On the Irak front (in Mesopotamia) near Kut-el-Amara, our artillery sunk two enemy monitors and caused an explosion on board another by a direct hit.

"On the Caucasus front an enemy attack in the neighborhood of Id (in Turkish Armenia) on Dec. 20, cost him eight officers and 300 men while our losses amounted to only one-third of this number.

"In a magazine on the Golden Horn a quantity of dynamite exploded. Five soldiers and ten civilians were killed and a number of civilians were wounded. One house was burned."

FRENCH WAR REPORT

PARIS, Dec. 23—The following communication was given out at the war office this afternoon:

"The night was relatively calm over the whole front. To the south of Arras, in the vicinity of Beaurains, our artillery kept up its destructive fire against the positions of the enemy. In Champagne there was fighting at close quarters and with hand grenades to the east of Navarin farm and in the sector of Hill 193.

"In the Vosges, at Hartmannswellerkopf, the situation is unchanged on our left, where the counter attacks of the enemy are proceeding. Our right continued to make progress yesterday."

COMMANDEERED BY BRITISH

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The Allan line steamer Bohemian which left here last Friday has been commandeered by the British government admiralty for transport service, it was learned last night. The liner is due at Liverpool next Monday. It was also learned that the Cornishman recently in the Portland service had been taken over by the government.

DENY TURKS ADVANCING

LONDON, Dec. 23.—On being questioned in regard to the recent Turkish official statement to the effect, that, after successful fighting Turkish troops were advancing on the British port of Aden, in southern Arabia, J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India said in the house of commons today that there had been no material change at Aden for the last two months.

"On Dec. 20, there was a skirmish between our cavalry scouts and an enemy patrol," he continued. "The enemy lost nine killed and one prisoner. Our casualties were one wounded."

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NEW BUILDING NEEDED

SECRETARY LANSING AGAIN URGES ERECTION OF BUILDING FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The need of a new building to accommodate the growing needs of the state department, now mainly housed in the southern wing of the state, war and navy building, is again urged upon congress in a memorandum submitted by Secretary Lansing.

"The department," Secretary Lansing says, "has for some years outgrown its present quarters and has had to house in outlying buildings several of its most important bureaus, every one of which has been vitally affected by conditions arising from the European war. Their quarters are inadequate and inconvenient. One of these annexes is a private building, overcrowded with clerks and overloaded with valuable records subject to total loss in case of fire.

"While congress has provided preliminary plans and a site for a much needed new building for the department, no progress has been made towards its erection, nor is any immediate progress in apparent contemplation. It seems necessary, therefore, to invoke private enterprise to relieve the department's present deplorable lack of proper accommodation. It is believed that private capital may be sufficiently interested to construct a building adequately adapted to the department needs in close proximity to the state, war and navy building, if authority be given the secretary of state to enter into a five or ten year lease at a reasonable annual rental."

CHESS TOURNAMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—With victories over Princeton and Yale to their credit as the result of the play yesterday, the chess teams of Columbia and Harvard, old rivals for college supremacy, today met in the second round of the 24th annual intercollegiate championship tournament. At the start of today's match Harvard had a half point lead because of Yale's defeat by 3 1-2 to 1-2, while Columbia won by 3 to 1 against Princeton. An hour later Columbia led Harvard by half a point, H. E. E. Leeds, Columbia, defeating A. S. Ellenberger, Harvard, in 17 moves. The matches on the other seven boards at that time were even.

POLICE CLOSE SALOONS

Chief Bowen of Portland Refuses to Tell Reason For Action—Bars May Be Closed Until After the Holidays

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 23.—Portland is dry today. Yesterday afternoon Chief of Police Bowen ordered all the saloons to close.

Chief Bowen declined to be interviewed or to say if he had received orders from Mayor Chapman, but the lights in the saloons were all out in the so-called "liquor belt" last night. Some think the chief will keep the bars closed until after the holidays, and others are of the opinion that a new era of strick enforcement has been inaugurated.

HOUSE TO EXPEDITE WORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Carrying out plans to expedite the administration conservation measures, the house public lands committee next Monday will begin consideration of the bill authorizing the development of fuel and fertilizer mineral—coal, oils, gas, phosphates, potassium and sodium—when found in the public lands. The committee plans to put through the house as in the last congress, though it failed in the senate, this measure, the water power bill, and the bill for 640 acre homesteads which is to follow next week. All of these measures are to be on the house calendar when congress reconvenes Jan 4.

HOLLY CLUB CONCERT AND DANCE

One could find no more pleasurable way to spend his Christmas eve than at Associate hall, enjoying the concert and dance which will be given there by the Holly club. The concert will be most entertaining and well worth attending, while the dance which will follow this concert will be most enjoyable. Miner's excellent orchestra will furnish the music and all are assured of a fine time. If you are seeking to entertain out-of-town friends, bring them to Associate hall tomorrow evening and then you will be sure that they will enjoy the evening thoroughly.

BULGARIAN REPORT OF BATTLE

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—(By wireless to Sayville)—What is apparently the Bulgarian version of the recent naval encounter off Varna, on the Black sea coast, which was followed by reports that the Russians were landing troops there, is contained in a Sofia despatch given out by the Overseas News agency as follows:

"Four Russian torpedo boat destroyers approached a Bulgarian torpedo boat and attacked her. The torpedo boat answered the Russian fire and Bulgarian coast batteries also took part in the engagement. The destroyers shortly withdrew. The torpedo boat was not damaged."

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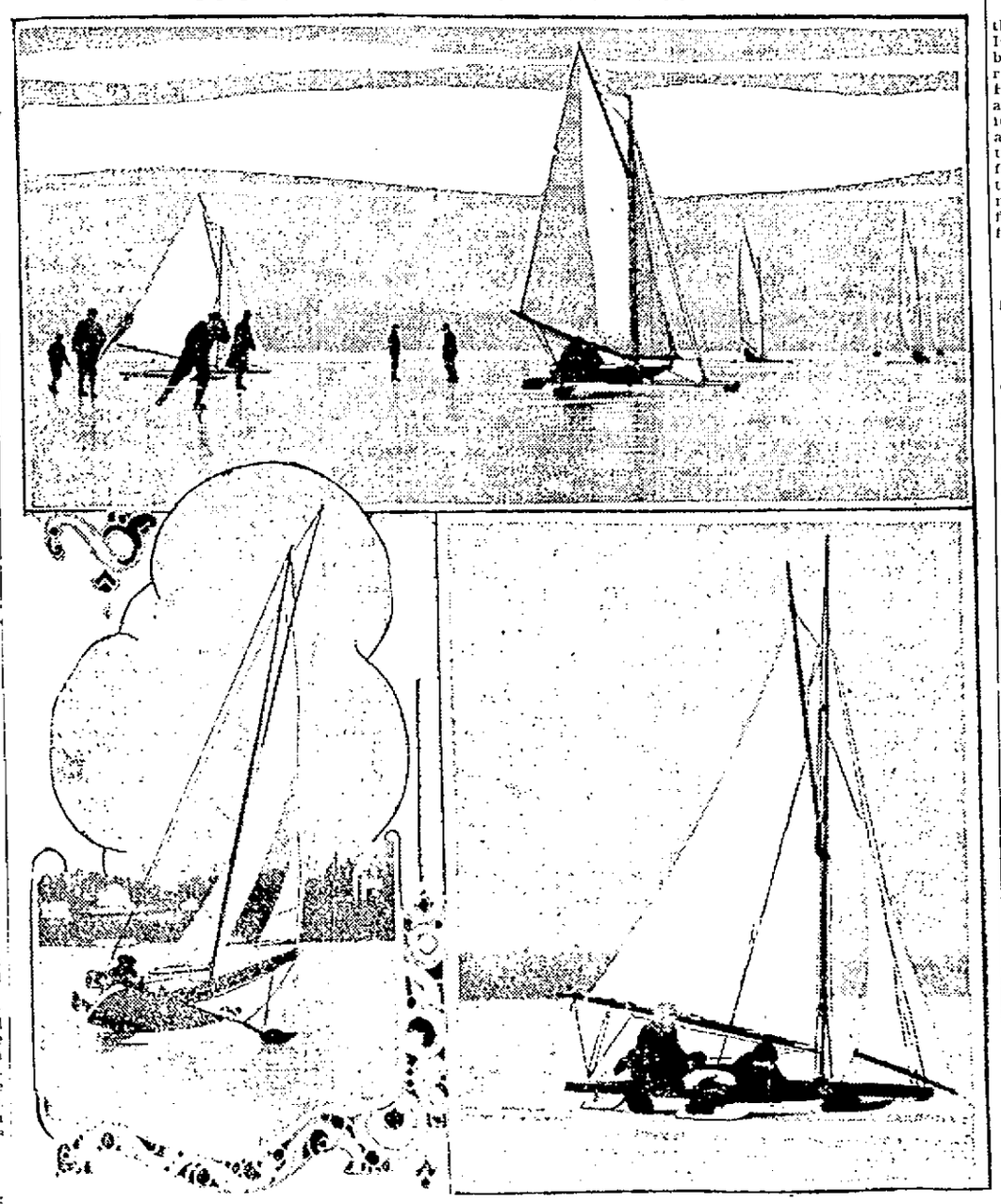

RED BANK, N. J., Dec. 22.—Ice yacht-men are now in their glory. This is due to the recent cold weather and the splendid condition of the North Shrewsbury river. Many big races are scheduled to be held this winter, and many new records are expected to be established. Recently the ice was tried out by Henry Applegate in his white winged flier Vim, one of the fastest craft of its kind in this section. Uncle Dan Assay, generally regarded as the pioneer ice yachtsman here, has been seen skimming along in his Gull several times of late. The North Shrewsbury (N. J.) Ice Yacht club will make an interesting experiment in a race between their wood and entire steel constructed boats. A third class ice boat designed after the fast craft of the Newburg club has also been built. She is cast rigged, and her performance against the jib and mainsail boats will be watched with interest by veteran yachtsmen. Upper photo shows a number of ice yachts ready to start. One in lower left is Captain Applegate's Vim. One in lower right, Captain Assay's Gull.

CHRISTMAS MAIL BURNED

Three-Car Electric Train Caught Fire—Traffic Tied Up For Some Time—Cause of Fire Unknown

BARRINGTON, R. I., Dec. 23.—A three-car electric train bound from Providence for Fall River caught fire between the Riverside and West Barrington stations of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad last night and rushed into West Barrington with its combination mail and baggage car ablaze. Traffic was tied up for some time while the local fire department fought the flames, which were confined to one car. Considerable of the Christmas mail with which the car was well filled was destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown.

JOAN OF ARC

Pope Benedict Decides to Postpone Canonization Proceedings Till After the War

PARIS, Dec. 23.—"Monsignor Touchett, bishop of Orleans, asked the pope during a visit to Rome, to hasten the canonization of Joan of Arc," says the Rome correspondent of the Petit Journal. "The pontiff, however, pointed out the significance attaching to such a step at the present time, when Joan of Arc more than ever is a symbol of the military valor and heroism of France, and said that to avoid the appearance of hastening the canonization, which could be considered contrary to the neutrality that the vatican desired to maintain towards all the belligerents, he had decided to postpone the proceedings until after the war."

NAVAL ADVISORY BOARD

VACANCY CAUSED BY RESIGNATION OF WOOD WILL BE FILLED BY AERONAUTIC ENGINEERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The vacancy on the naval advisory board caused by the resignation of Henry A. Wise Wood of New York, will be filled by the American Society of Aeronautic Engineers, which selected Mr. Wood, Secretary Daniels announced today. Mr. Wood's letter of resignation had not been received.

Mr. Daniels declined to comment on Mr. Wood's criticism of the administration's national defense program. He said, however, that the position Mr. Wood held was unofficial and that he was privileged to say what he pleased.

Secretary Daniels has requested the board to try to find a method for reducing the erosion of big guns, now limited to approimately 200 shots before the rifling is so worn that re-alignment is necessary. Germany is said to have developed a new metal for gun lining which reduces the wear somewhat.

LLOYD GEORGE MAKES APPEAL

NEWCASTLE, Eng., Dec. 23.—David Lloyd George, the munitions minister, last night addressed a meeting attended by 300 trades union officials. The minister urged the amendment of the trades unions' rules in order to permit the employment of a percentage of unskilled men with skilled men in the munitions trade. The meeting was private but it was stated that the suggestions of the ministers were very favorably received by the men.

NEW ELECTION IN SPAIN

MADRID, Dec. 23, via Paris—King Alfonso today signed decrees dissolving the Cortes. New elections will be held before March.

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SOME FAMILY

Five Living Generations in Massachusetts Family

ROYALSTON, Dec. 23.—Near the Fitzwilliam, N. H., line there is a family in which there are five living generations.

Mrs. Ellen A. Tufts Chase, of the first generation and great-great-grandmother, is 83 years old, a native of Malden, her family being among the first settlers of the town. Mrs. Chas. L. Williams, of the second generation, is 64 and is also a native of Malden, but has lived in this vicinity nearly 50 years. Mrs. Walter F. Adams, of the third generation, is 44 and is a native of Fitzwilliam, while Mrs. Charles A. Whitney, of the fourth generation, is 20, and her daughter Mildred, the fifth generation, is five months old. The two latter reside in Fitchburg. The family recently met at the home of Charles L. Williams and enjoyed a reunion.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON GENERAL WATERWAYS BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Despite prospects of a fight in congress over revenue legislation and the pleas of party leaders for economies, Chairman Sparkman of the house rivers and harbors committee is planning to report a general waterways bill, and there was talk today of the intention of the house public buildings committee, headed by Representative Clark of Florida to report an omnibus buildings bill.

It developed today that when the rivers and harbors committee meets after the holidays to determine its course, there will be up for consideration favorable reports of the army engineers on new projects aggregating $120,000,000.

The committee may decide to restrict the bill to continuation of projects already authorized but there is already evidence of an intention on the part of many members to insist upon more liberal waterway appropriations.

There numerous big projects on file, favorably reported on by the war department. Some of these larger ones are:

New York-Delaware Bay waterway, $20,000,000; East river and Hell Gate, New York, $13,400,000; dam at the foot of Lake Erie, N. Y., $3,500,000; improvement of Connecticut river, $1,870,000; channel to New York navy yard, $1,650,000; Boston harbor, $1,545,000.

Plans as to most of these projects are for comparatively small initial appropriations which, however, would commit the government in principle to their ultimate completion.

ST. PATRICK'S ALUMNI

NOTABLE EVENT ARRANGED FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT—REV. FR. LYONS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

The eighth annual reunion and banquet of St. Patrick's School alumni will be held Wednesday night at 7.30 o'clock in the school hall in Suffolk street. From 6.45 to 7.45 o'clock the classrooms will be open for the reception of all who attend. The principal speaker will be the Very Rev. Fr. Charles W. Lyons, president of Boston college. Father Lyons is reputed as one of the most eloquent orators of his order. His long career as an educator has given him experience that has won for him the recognition of the leading educators of the country.

TRIBUTE TO VON EMMICH

KAISER SENDS TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE TO WIDOW OF FAMOUS GENERAL

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (By wireless to Sayville)—Emperor William has sent a telegram of condolence to the widow of Gen. von Emmich, whose death was announced yesterday at Hanover, it is stated by the Overseas News agency which quotes the ruler's message as follows:

"I have lost an officer whom I highly esteemed as a paragon of fidelity and devotion, as a soldier and a man; and when history describes the most glorious achievements of this war—Liege, St. Quentin, Galicia and Poland—his name will accupy one of the first places.

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A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY

DR. C. B. SANDERS MUSTERED OUT OF SERVICE JUST FIFTY YEARS AGO

Dr. Charles B. Sanders of 475 Westford street is today celebrating the 50th anniversary of his mustering out of the United States service. He was born in Lowell in 1844 and enlisted in the 13th New Hampshire regiment in which he served for 19 months. He was first under fire at Fredericksburg. He also served as a lieutenant in the 30th United States (colored) regiment and was with Company A at the Battle of the Crater at Petersburg when 250 men from the regiment were killed, wounded and missing. In his own company 44 out of 62 men were killed. Dr. Sanders was captured in the last named battle and was confined eight months in the confederate prison at Columbia, S. C.

POLISH RELIEF FUND

LOCAL FALCONS RAISE NEAT SUM AMONG LOCAL MILL OPERATIVES FOR WAR SUFFERERS

During the past two weeks the relief committee of Branch 81, of the Polish Falcons of America has collected the sum of $497.91 to be used for aiding in the relief of the Polish war sufferers. The local committee consists of Miss Mae Urbanek, Joseph Laskowski and Joseph Bordnik.

All contributions received to date have come from people working in the mills of the city. The money will be sent to Chicago and from there to proper authorities in Poland. The list of contributors is as follows:

The employes of the Tremont & Suffolk Co.	$234.75
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Mr. Walker, superintendent of the Lawrence Co.	5.00
Frank Kus	1.00
A. Cebula	1.00
Total	$197.91

ST. ANTHONY'S SOCIETY

POPULAR ITALIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY HELD AN ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The regular meeting and election of officers of St. Anthony's de Padua society was held last night at its quarters, 2 Chapel street. There was a large attendance owing to the interest taken in the election of officers. President Vincent Marotta, who has been at the head of the organization for the past four years had previously announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election feeling that the honor should be bestowed upon some other member.

Ferdinando D'Arezzo was elected president and Mr. Marotta honored with that of vice president. The following were the other officers elected: financial secretary, Davite Di Paulis; corresponding secretary, Andrea Traviersо; treasurer, George Piloto; directors, Giovanni De Luca, Carmine Silvestre, Giaonni Botte, Antonio Pullano and Francisco Lutrechiano; sick committee, George Castillano and Ilario Santilli; sergeant of the guard, Francisco Iamonda.

FORD PEACE MISSION

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF NOBEL INSTITUTE AT CHRISTIANIA

CHRISTIANIA, via London, Dec. 23.—Members of the Nobel institute unofficially received members of the Ford peace expedition on Wednesday. The president of the institute, without promising to support the peace mission, expressed hope for its success. He said neutral countries throughout the world desired a speedy termination of the war.

The Norwegian people look upon the reception by the institute as significant, as such occasions are rare.

The expedition will start for Stockholm this morning. The Swedish peace and arbitration league telegraphed that it would hold a mass meeting for the Ford delegates on Saturday.

Members of the Norwegian cabinet who were interviewed said that Norway was unable officially to take any action that would seem to be an interference with the natural course of events in the European war. This statement was in response to questions as to whether Norway was ready to take official action with other neutrals looking toward the ending of the war.

The body of Lloyd Bingham, a member of the Ford peace party, who died Wednesday of pneumonia, will be sent to New York.

DREAMS AND SCHEMES

REV. DR. GEORGE H. SPENCER HEARD IN INTERESTING LECTURE

"Dreamers and Schemers" was the subject of an interesting lecture by Rev. George H. Spencer, D. D., at the Central M. E. church last night. Dr. Spencer was the third speakers in the Bishop Hamilton lecture course.

Back of every good piece of work, he said, there is a worker. It is not true that "little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land." It is the little drops of water and little grains of sand and the Almighty.

The severest test that we can bring of character, is the test of balance. If a man achieves for humanity in any single direction, he is worthy of honor; but when, along the centuries, there does arrive a man who is able to meat the test of symmetry of character, for him there is no crown too big.

He named his four heroes, as follows: Alfred the Great, William the Silent, Prince of Orange, Washington and Lincoln. If we should study the lives of those four men, he said, we would discover that no one of them gained his position among men chiefly by intellectual power. It was their moral balance that distinguished them, the poise, proportion and symmetry of their manhood. Such character is not an accident; it is won in the school of life.

The task we have on hand, to make cleaner towns and nobler commonwealths, are not to be accomplished by the magic of some great leader, but by ordinary men and women who are able to work together. It is only those who have character that is symmetrical, who can co-operate. Right here lies the indictment of the schemer: he never had the vision of beauty. He never knew that there was yonder something better, that might be planted and made to grow and blossom and fruit for the benefit of humanity. He never knew that there was a school of character in which men might grow strong to undertake, and he cannot co-operate. Some of these men sell cloth, some sell lightning rods, and some sell railroads. Others sell only their friends. Some of them build palaces for themselves and live in the Back Bay; for some of them the state builds palaces. But in their essential core of character they are all alike, men who cannot co-operate. They can work you sometimes, but they cannot work with you. They look upon life as an opporunity to get. Serving has nothing to do with them.

The dreamers, he differentiated from the schemers, and said that the world always has a sneer for the dreamer. If you undertake to clean up your city, men will stand around the barrooms and laugh at the dreamer. If you entertain high hopes and desires for church or state or nation, men will look at you and say, "See the poor dreamer!" But that ought not to daunt any good American. Columbus was a dreamer, but he gave the world America.

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CAN SELL HORSEMEAT

NO LAW AGAINST IT IN THIS STATE—DEALERS MAY FOLLOW LEAD TAKEN BY NEW YORK MEN

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—No objections will be made by either the local or state health authorities should Boston meat dealers care to follow the lead taken by New York to sell horseflesh, provided proper sanitary precautions are taken. Announcement has come from New York of a change in the health department rules which will permit the sale of horseflesh after Jan. 1.

There is no law against the use of horseflesh in Boston if the animal is properly inspected and properly labelled. None is sold, however, at least as far as the state authorities can learn. Not a single case has been reported in several years by inspectors who haunt the market districts and slaughter houses.

At one time attempts were made to sell horseflesh as beef in Boston, but the health authorities soon discovered the fraud and it was stopped. According to meat dealers there is a prejudice against horse meat which would make it difficult for them to find a market for this animal in Boston.

Furthermore, horses are worth too much at the present time. Neither Commissioner Mahoney of the Boston health board nor Hermann C. Lythgoe, head of the food and drug division of the state board of health, feels any attempt will be made to find a market here for horseflesh. Both state that the meat is just as wholesome and nutritious as beef, but the prejudice in most minds against the slaughter of horses for eating purposes would make it unprofitable.

Many Georgia housewives have adopted overalls to wear when working about the house.

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Silk Hose.....25c, 35c and 50c
Cotton Hose.....12½c and 25c
Wool Hose, 12½c, 17c, 25c, 35c, 50c
Sweaters, 98c, $1.48, $2.98, $3.98, $5.00 and $6.00.
Neckwear, 25c, 35c, 48c, 65c, $1.00
Holeproof Hose.....$1.50, $2.00
Suspender Sets, 25c, 48c, 75c, $1, $1.50
Neckwear Sets, 48c, 98c, $1.50
Hosiery Sets.....48c, 98c, $1.50
Pajamas.....98c and $1.50

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Cotton Night Shirts, 50c, 69c, $1.00
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Arrow Brand Collars, box...$1.50
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Wool Underwear, 69c, 98c, $1.25, $1.48, $2.00 and $2.50
Union Suits, $1, $1.50, $2 and $3
Cotton Underwear, 38c, 48c and 98c
Kid Gloves, lined and unlined, $1.00, $1.15 and $1.50
Mocha Gloves, silk lined, $1, $1.15, $1.50, $2.00
Wool Gloves.....25c and 50c

FOR BOYS

Boys' Shirts.....35c and 45c
Boys' Waists.....25c and 45c
Boys' Kid Gloves.....75c and $1
Boys' Fur Gauntlets.....48c
Boys' Mittens.....25c and 48c
Boys' Sweaters, 98c, $1.48 and $1.98
Boys' Caps.....25c and 50c
Boys' Toques.....25c and 48c
Boys' Ties.....10c and 25c
Boys' Suspenders.....10c and 25c
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"I have just seen a room for a young girl friend of mine," returned Marie," and I will tell you about it. In the first place the woodwork is a rich ivory white and is rubbed to a soft finish so it is not shiny. With this any furniture or coloring is harmonious. The walls are of hardwood stained rather dark so they will make a background for any kind of rugs she may choose. Of course the ceiling is creamy white.

"Someone always thinks of pink or rose color as being the fitting scheme to be worked out in a girl's room, so why not have your friend's walls in a wee wild rose pattern running right up to the white picture moulding. Let the curtains be of cream net or scrim or dotted Swiss muslin with overdrapes and valance of rosy pink sundour.

"The furniture may be of mahogany, birch, walnut or any of the pale gray enameled sets with or without cane insets. Have one or two single beds as she may have you as a guest sometime and it is nicer to have a single bed to give a guest rather than to share one together.

"I hope there may be a small fireplace with a white enameled mantelpiece and a chaise lounge in wicker, conveniently placed in an alcove window with a wee table nearby. What is cozier than a cheering cup of tea served in one's room from the daintiest of china and all you need have is slices of thin bread spread with good butter."

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PROTESTED TO TURKEY

SLAUGHTER OF ARMENIANS STAGGERED GERMANY, SAYS DR JAMES L. BARTON

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The German government on Aug. 9 filed at Constantinople a protest against the Turkish treatment of Armenians, according to Dr. James L. Barton, chairman of the national committee for Armenian and Serbian relief, who yesterday made public the text of the protest.

In a statement quoting the official communication transmitted by the German embassy, Dr. Barton, speaking for the committee, says that Count Ernst von Reventlow, a German naval expert, in a recent statement published in the Tages Zeitung in Germany, and cabled to the United States, strongly defends Turkey's massacre of the Armenians on the basis of military necessity; and adds:

"One wonders whether Von Reventlow knows that throughout the length and breadth of the Turkish empire, after the men (who only were capable of revolution, but who, according to every known evidence, did not revolt) had nearly all been disposed of, the attack fell upon the widows and orphans, who were driven from their homes by hundreds of thousands, at the point of the bayonet. .....

"Is it possible that Von Reventlow knows that fully one half of these refugees miserably perished from violence, exposure and starvation?

"He must be ignorant of the sickening reports made by many eye witnesses—American, Italian, British, German—civilian and official, who tell of seeing these helpless, inoffensive women and girls brained because they clamored for food or forced into Islam because perchance they were comely, of women throwing their babies into rivers or over precipices to save them from impending horror of continued existence.

"He cannot have known that, on Aug. 9 of this year, in Constantinople, the German ambassador in the name of his imperial master, filed a protest against these horrors with the Turkish government couched in the following words:

"'The German embassy regrets to have realized that, according to information received from impartial and reliable sources, acts of violence such as massacres and plunders, which could not be justified by the aim that the imperial government was pursuing, instead of being checked by the local authorities, regularly followed the expulsion of the Armenians, so that most of them perished before reaching their destination. It is chiefly from the provinces of Trebizond, Diarbekir and Erzeroum that all Christians without distinction of race or religion had the same fate.

"'At the same time the imperial government has thought it right to extend the measure of expatriation to the other provinces of Asia Minor, and very recently the Armenian villages of the district of Izmit, near the capital, have been evacuated under similar conditions.

"'Under such circumstances, the German embassy, by order of its government, is obliged to remonstrate once more against these acts of horror.'"

MOTORWOMEN IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 22, via London, Dec. 23.—Twenty motorwomen today began their duties on the chief Berlin street railway lines. They constitute the advance guard of female workers, which will eventually displace all but the oldest men on the lines, if the war continues.

MAN OF 80 ASPHYXIATED

WIFE IS ON THE DANGEROUS LIST FROM GAS POISONING IN THE NORTH ADAMS HOSPITAL

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 23.—Dennis Buckley, 80, is dead from asphyxiation by illuminating gas, and his wife, Mary, 70, is in the North Adams hospital on the dangerous list from gas poisoning.

The couple, who are wealthy, were found late yesterday afternoon in their home in Pebble street by Police Officers G. B. Rosasco and James P. Bowes, who broke into the house when neighbors became alarmed at the non-appearance of the aged couple.

The house was filled with gas from an open valve on the gas stove in the kitchen.

In a room upstairs the aged couple were found. Mr. Buckley was overcome while dressing, and had apparently been dead for about 10 hours. Mrs. Buckley was in another bed unconscious. She was taken to the hospital.

DIVIDENDS BY STATE BANKS

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The savings insurance banks of the state yesterday announced that the regular dividend scale adopted by the banks in previous years will be maintained, and that in addition an extra dividend equal to 75 per cent of the regular dividend will be paid on all policies.

The savings insurance banks are the Whitman Savings Bank, Whitman; People's Savings Bank, Brockton; Berkshire County Savings Bank, Pittsfield, and the City Savings Bank of Pittsfield.

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BOBECHEES, Plain 5c, Pink 15c
CANDLE SHADE HOLDERS...20c
CANDLE STICKS, 2 styles, 10c each

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SCHOOL STRIKE SETTLED

SUPERINTENDENT OF SAUGUS SCHOOLS BLAMES TEACHER FOR TROUBLE

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Superintendent William F. Sims of the Saugus schools yesterday declared that, in his opinion, the strike on Tuesday afternoon of 60 pupils in the ninth grade of the grammar school in Saugus was instigated by Miss Irma Gray, the favorite teacher of the pupils, who resigned to accept a position elsewhere.

Miss Gray resigned two weeks ago, her resignation to take effect yesterday. She denies that she had instigated the strike of the students and declared that she tried to have the boys and girls return to the school after they had left it with shouts and cheers for her.

The strike of the pupils was declared off yesterday when all the pupils of the class returned to the school.

Marshall Siteman, president of the class, said that the action of the boys and girls was due to a misunderstanding, and that the school authorities have no reason to anticipate any further disorder.

Headquarters for fine 14k Hamilton bracelet watches—Millard F. Wood, jeweler; quality here first. 104 Merrimack street.

STANDARD THERMOMETER

BILL PROVIDING FOR ONE FAVORED BY STATE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 23.—A bill to establish a state clinical standard thermometer has been filed with Clerk Kimball of the House of Representatives today. The bill is filed by Representative Charles B. Frothingham of Lynn and is accompanied by the petition of Thure Hanson, state sealer of weights and measures. A severe penalty is also contained in the bill for the use or sale of a clinical thermometer that has not been sealed for the state commissioner.

Provision is made for the securing of a standard clinical thermometer by the state commissioner, the standard to be certified by the National bureau of standards. Under the bill all clinical thermometers shall be sealed by the state commissioner and "any person, by himself or by his servant or agent, who keeps for the purpose of sale, offer or expose for sale, or sell, use or attempt to use any clinical thermometer which has not been sealed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

The fine provided for the first offense is not less than $20 nor more than $200. For a second conviction in any court there is provided a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $500, or imprisonment for not more than a year or by both the fine and imprisonment.

HOYT.

FIREMEN AS DOCTORS

EXCITED MOTHER SENDS IN CALL WHEN BABY TOOK CONVULSIONS YESTERDAY:

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The fire department of this city has been called upon to respond to most all sorts of calls, but one yesterday is considered the limit.

Fire headquarters received a "still alarm" over the telephone from Quincy court, in the North End, and when Ladder 1 from Friend street and Acting Chief Hines arrived they found a baby had convulsions from the whooping cough and the excited mother had summoned help from the fire department.

And she got help, because Acting Chief Hines was able to advise her what action to take if there was a recurrence of the trouble with the child.

And the firemen went back to quarters wondering, "What next?"

ADMIT WRECKING TRAIN

Prison Sentences From Five to Fifteen Years Imposed on Vernale and Karuba

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 23.—Prison sentences from five to fifteen years each were imposed in the superior court here yesterday on Antonio Vernale of Bridgeport, and Paul Karuba of Portland, who pleaded guilty to the charge of wrecking a passenger train on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at Maromas, on Aug. 27, 1911.

In the wreck, 60 persons were injured, one of whom died later. The men are already serving prison sentences for other crimes—Vernale for arson and Karuba for assault with intent to kill.

Nunzio Bushemo and Sebastian Lagana, also charged with train wrecking, pleaded not guilty, and will go on trial today.

RUPTURE IN CABINET

LONDON TRUTH PREDICTS MORE TROUBLE—KITCHENER AND LLOYD GEORGE NEAR BREAK

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The speech in the house of commons on Monday by David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, is characterized by Truth as "the last word in the keen struggle of the preceding months between him and Kitchener." The newspaper continues:

"It obviously provokes or discloses a ministerial situation. It is not easy to see how, after this speech, Lloyd George and Kitchener can remain in the same cabinet."

Truth holds that Mr. Lloyd George's references to the shortage of machine guns, large guns and explosives are implied reflections on Secretary Kitchener, but adds that this does not exonerate the cabinet. It continues:

"For more than six months before June, Mr. Lloyd George himself served on the munitions committee, and if he did not know about the machine guns he ought to have known."

MINISTERIAL DECREE

Baking of Rolls, Biscuits and Other Fancy Breads Forbidden in Vienna

VIENNA, Dec. 23, via London.—A ministerial decree has been issued forbidding the baking of rolls, biscuits and other fancy breads and permitting only the making of loaves of ordinary bread. The order does not apply to households.

A further order requires persons possessing raw oils, benzol and tar oil to report the quantity on hand the first and fifteenth of every month. This order authorizes the expropriation of mineral if such a step is necessary.

THREATENED ROOSEVELT

WOMAN WHO HAS BEEN IN INSANE ASYLUM SINCE 1914 TO BE RELEASED

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 23.—After being confined in the state institutions for the insane since November, 1914, Mrs. Ida von Claussen, writer of threatening and eccentric letters to Theodore Roosevelt and others is to be released from the state hospital for the insane at Middletown and placed in the custody of her brother, Matthews Claussen of New York city. Justice Tompkins signed here today an order for her release, specifying that while in her brother's charge she must not be allowed on the streets alone or out of sight of a custodian. While she has shown improvement, the court says she is not deemed entirely cured.

FRESH KILLED TURKEYS

(10,000 Pounds of Fresh Stock to Select From)

Western Turkeys, lb.....25c, 28c
Fresh Chickens, all sizes, lb.....25c
Northern Turkeys, lb.....30c, 32c
Fancy Ducks & Geese, lb. 20c, 22c

FRESH KILLED FOWLS..... 19c, 22c, 23c lb.

RIBBON CANDY, 2 Lb. Box..... 25c

Calarab Figs.....19c
Calarab Oranges (candied).....19c
Candied Apricots 19c
Shelled Almonds, lb.....55c
Shelled Walnuts, lb.....50c
Shelled Pecans, lb.....65c
Dromedary Dates, pkg..... 9c

MIXED NUTS, lb.....12½c

Soft Shelled Almonds, lb.....22c
Filberts, lb.....14c
Pecans, lb.....15c
Cluster Raisins, pkg.....10c and 15c
Plum Pudding.....10c, 15c, 35c
Hatchet Raisins, pkg.....11c
Not-a-Seed Raisins, pkg.....12c
Giant Olives, jar.....22c
Stuffed Olives, bottle..... 9c
Bulk Pickles (mixed), lb.....15c

FRESH DRESSED YOUNG PIG

Small Pork Loins, lb.....14c
Small Fresh Shoulders, lb.....10c, 13c
Fores of Lamb, lb.....10c, 13c
Legs of Southdown Mutton, lb.....13½c
Legs of Genuine Spring Lamb, lb.....19c
Legs of Fresh Veal, lb.....18c
Veal Forequarters, lb.....12c

Boneless Beef (for mince meat), lb...15c
Sirloin Roasts, lb.....18c, 22c, 25c
Sirloin Steak, lb.....25c, 30c, 35c
Round Steak, lb.....20c, 25c
Rib Roasts (5th rib), lb.....14c
Boneless Pot Roast, lb.....16c
Heavy Beef Chuck, lb.....13c, 16c
(Heavy Western Steers)

GROCERY DEPT.

California Peaches, can.....10c
"Jersey" Bartlett Pears, can.....15c
"Del Monte" Pineapple, can.....21c
Sliced Hawaiian Pineapple, can.....15c
"Columbia" Red Raspberries, can.....14c

Soft Wisconsin Peas, can..... 8c
New York Corn, can.....6½c
Fancy Maine Corn, can.....12½c
Heavy Conn. Tomatoes, can.....10c

La Touraine Coffee, lb.....33c
"Square" Brand Coffee, lb.....35c
"Economy" Santos Coffee, lb.....15c

Fresh Vermont Butter, lb.....30c
Fresh Eggs, doz.....42c
Selected Cooking Eggs, doz.....27c

"Garden Bloom" Teas, lb.....25c, 40c
(Fresh-sifted, strong or mild)
Ridgeway's War Package.....60c

FRUIT DEPT.

Sweet Florida Oranges, doz.....12½c
Large Florida Oranges, doz.....25c
"Isle of Pines" Grapefruit.....6 for 25c
(25 for $1.00—Large size)
Choice Sunkist Oranges, doz.....35c
Jonathan Apples, doz.....25c
Fancy Wine Sap Apples, doz.....25c
No. 1 Show Baldwin Apples, pk.....35c

Choice White Celery 10c
Fancy Heavy Lettuce..... 8c
Fresh Green Peas, qt.....18c
Fresh Wax Beans, qt.....18c
Fresh Native Tomatoes, lb.....13c, 20c
Fresh Asparagus, bunch.....49c
Fresh Cauliflower, lb.....12c

Almeira Grapes, lb.....25c
Casaba Melons, each.....35c
Large Pineapples, each.....15c

Carrots .....5 lbs. 10c
Turnips and Beets.....5 lbs. 10c

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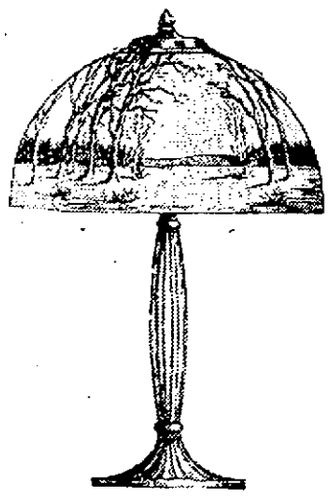
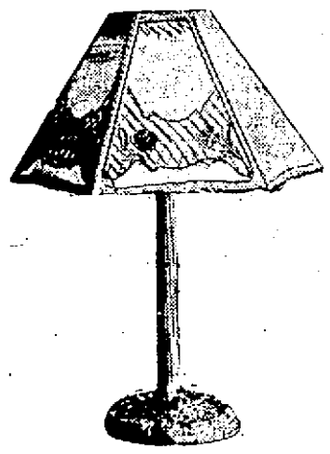
FOR THAT GIFT

Can You Think of Anything More Practical Than a Lamp, Dome or an Inverted Light?

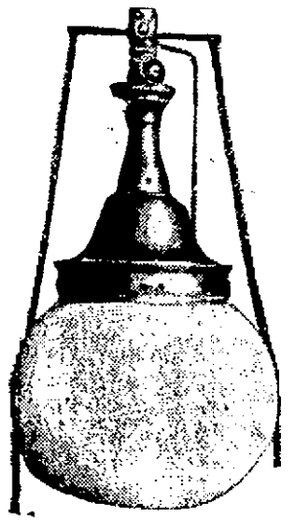
There's a lamp or dome here for every purse and we respectfully invite your inspection of our stock, whether you buy or not. Ours is the largest, most comprehensive and reasonably priced exhibit of artistic and practical lamps, domes and lights, in Lowell.



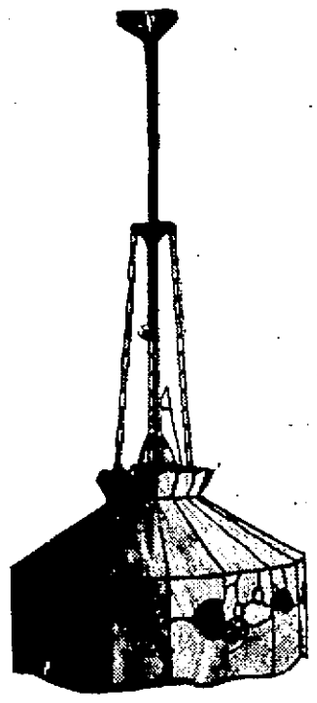
Here illustrated is one of the most beautifully appearing and finished lamps we are showing. The artistic effect of the winter scene, in brown, on the shade, is only properly obtained when the lamp is illuminated. These lamps are marked from $9.00 to $45.00



For reading and writing there's no lamp as practical as one of the above lamps. These lamps are 20 inches high and have a shade 14 inches wide. There are five styles to choose from and all are marked at $5.00



Here's an economical gift-light. It is well made and suitable to be hung in any room. You can take your choice of 15 different shades. These lights complete, ready to attach $1.25



This is but one of the many domes to be seen here. The arrangement, matching and leading of these domes have been superbly done. The values are from $16.00 to $25.00

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WHOOPING COUGH

State Board of Health Makes Report—Cases in Lowell

Whooping cough has been prevalent in many parts of the state according to the report of the state board of health just issued. The difficulty of early diagnosis and efficient quarantine in this disease is largely responsible for its continued spread. Some practical work is being done by the New York city department of health as to the use of a vaccine for this disease. Results of their studies will, no doubt, soon give out some important facts to help us in our control of this infection. While there have been no epidemics in any particular city or town, in a few places it has been particularly prevalent. Among those places may be mentioned Cambridge, Provincetown, Chelsea, Lawrence, Waltham, Natick, Northampton, and Whately. Springfield has been having a considerable number of cases for several months, but they seem to be decreasing.

The diphtheria situation is of interest. A comparison with October, 1914, shows that there are about the same number of cases this year. One fact worthy of note is that they do not seem to be so fatal this year. The fatality rate last year was 6.7, and this year 3.8. While this is gratifying it is no assurance that the infection may not become virulent at any time. There have been no marked epidemics of diphtheria during the month. However, the disease has been unusually prevalent in the following cities and towns: Attleboro, New Bedford, Haverhill, Malden, Rockport, Saugus, Lawrence, Lowell, Waltham, Fitchburg, Hudson, Leominster, Shirley and Agawam.

JAMES CHILDREN HOME

TWO LITTLE SISTERS KIDNAPPED BY CIVIL WAR VETERAN RESTORED TO THEIR MOTHER

After being away 12 days, Effie and Vivian James, the two sisters taken from the city on Dec. 10 by David Gilson, were returned to their mother, Mrs. Alice James-Johnson of 30 Wilson street, last evening. Unconcerned about returning to their home and seeing their mother again, the little girls were brought here from the Children's society in New York by Sergt. David Petrie.

The party arrived on the 9.40 o'clock train. The mother of the children was not among the curious spectators waiting on the platform at the Middlesex street station and Sergt. Petrie continued to the police station where the girls were turned over to the matron. Neither was Mrs. James waiting at the station but upon being notified of the arrival of her little ones she immediately came down to get them.

Up to this time the children had appeared none too anxious to meet their mother, but when she appeared in the room and bent to kiss them, Effie, the one most reluctant about returning, burst into tears. Vivian was also affected during the reunion that followed. The mother and children remained in the matron's room for nearly an hour while the sisters were given food by the matron and allowed to rest. The mother said that both girls wore new dresses, new hats and shoes, which Gilson had bought for them. They certainly showed no signs of ill treatment.

While being detained in the New York City prison pending the decision whether or not he would be extradited, David Gilson suffered a nervous breakdown, it was learned yesterday by Sergt. Petrie. On account of his old age for a day or two his recovery was doubtful, according to physicians at the Bellevue hospital where he was removed, but yesterday he rallied and is said to be doing well. He will not leave the hospital, however, for a day or two at least and his case in the New York court will have to be continued. The proceedings will be immediately dropped, it is said.

Gilson was seen by Sergt. Petrie at the hospital yesterday morning. The aged veteran was told that a warrant had been issued for his arrest for kidnapping but the authorities had agreed to drop the charge on condition that he remain out of Massachusetts. "We will retain the warrant, however, and you will be liable to arrest if you ever return to Lowell or vicinity," said the sergeant.

"I will go back to Lowell as soon as I am able," Gilson is reported to have replied.

"If you do come back to Lowell you will surely be arrested," reiterated Sergt. Petrie before leaving.

The story told by the children at the station corroborated with that told by them in New York city. For several days prior to Dec. 10, the children and Gilson had talked over the question of disappearing. It was agreed that the children meet him in North Chelmsford after 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 10. He gave them their car fare and they arrived on scheduled time. From North Chelmsford they journeyed by trolley to Ayer and thence to Fitchburg, where they continued as reported in the papers. They stopped one night at North Adams and then went to Troy and Albany.

Gilson had told the children that he intended to take them to Florida, where he owned property. It is believed that they were to assist him in selling copies of his poem when the weather got warmer.

The children were talked to at the station by Supt. Welch and Sergt. Petrie. They agreed to notify the police if they ever saw Gilson in this city again.

In conversation with Sergt. Petrie, Effie said that she did not care to return to her mother. "Granddaddy has been good to us and has given us everything we needed," she said. "I shouldn't think my mother would want us back after the way she used us before we went away." Vivian, the younger, had less to say and agreed to follow her sister.

It was nearly 11 o'clock when the children were taken from the station by their mother. Before departing each bid a cordial farewell to their escort, Sergt. Petrie.

Diamonds—finest; perfect Wesseltons, both loose and mounted; white and blue-white—Millard F. Wood, jeweler, 104 Merrimack street.

THE YULETIDE SEASON

SWEDISH CHURCHES MAKE ELABORATE PREPARATIONS FOR OBSERVANCE OF YULETIDE SEASON

Members of the Swedish churches in this city are making elaborate preparations for the observance of Christmas and the subsequent days of Yuletide. Tomorrow evening Rev. P. E. Nodrgren, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church, accompanied by a quartet of singers from the church, will visit all the shutins of the parish. Chorales and hymns will be sung to the invalids and those who will not be able to attend the "Julotta" services on Saturday morning.

On Saturday morning, beginning at 5.30 o'clock, the old observance of "Julotta" will be followed. Lighted candles will be placed in all the windows of the local Swedish church, bidding the worshippers to enter. The exercises will be strictly religious, and will continue until 7 o'clock. At the Swedish Congregational and Swedish Methodist churches, in the evening, there will be Christmas trees, with concerts given by the members of the church. At the Lutheran church, on Sunday evening, a Christmas concert will be given at 7 o'clock.

Yuletide, or Jul-tide, will actually continue until January 1, although Scandinavians in America, except in those western communities where they are very numerous, will not observe it with so great formality as is done in Sweden and Norway. Saturday's observance will be the first of the Yule days.

HIS LICENSE SUSPENDED

HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE FATAL ACCIDENT ON GEORGE STREET

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 23.—Richard L. Freeman of Lowell has been notified by the Massachusetts highway commission that his license to operate motor vehicles in this state has been suspended, it appearing that an automobile operated by him on the fifth day of December was involved in an accident which resulted in the death of Lawrence Liz, also of Lowell. Freeman held license No. 54138, issued to him under date of Sept. 24, 1915, and he has been directed to send his license certificate to the office of the highway commission at once, pending an investigation which is being made by the board at the present time.

It is expected that the investigator's report will be submitted to the commissioners within a very few days and upon this report will depend largely the future action of the board in this case. If the report convinces the commissioners that the accident occurred without serious fault on the part of Freeman, his license will then be returned to him, but should this report lead the commissioners to believe that Freeman was at serious fault his license will remain suspended and a public hearing granted, at which time he will be called before the board and asked to tell his story of the accident.

If the case comes to a public hearing it will be Freeman's task to prove to the board beyond doubt that the accident happened without serious fault on his part and if successful in this attempt his license will then be returned to him without delay. But should he be unsuccessful the commissioners will be obliged, under the law, to revoke his license for a period of at least six months.

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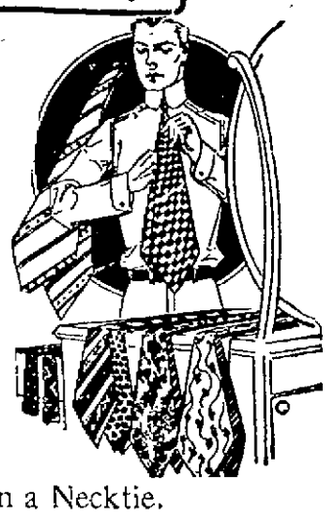

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25c Some specially good values at this price, in silks and satins, in generous shapes.

50c Our greatest variety at this price. Plain colors and fancies in the wide end shapes; Cheney tubular ties; knitted silks in plain colors and fancies.

65c Extra large shapes in plain colored satin; the new embroidered satins; exclusive designs in figured silks in handsome color effects.

$1.00 Rich silk scarfs of exquisite design and coloring; fine knitted silks in plain shades.

$1.50 and $2 Elegant heavy silks in embroidered and woven designs, in the large wide end shapes —ties that knot well and wear well.

Neckwear with silk hose to match.....$1.00

Neckwear with silk hose and silk handkerchief to match.....$1.50

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TRAVELER SHOE $2.50 $3.00 $3.50

TRAVELER RUBBERS For Men 63c The $1 Quality

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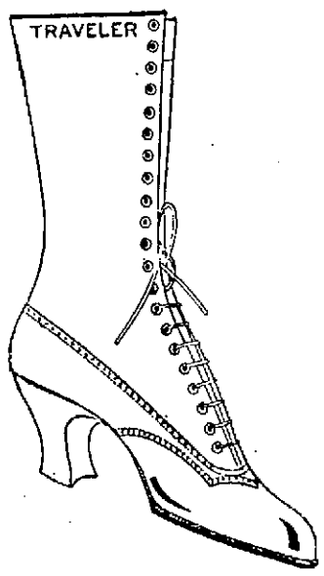

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Men's Black Romeo Slippers $1.50

Ladies' Felt Comfy Slippers $1.00

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CHILDREN'S FANCY SLIPPERS Packed in beautiful Christmas Boxes. A sure delightful gift. Warm and comfortable, $1.00 value, 49c

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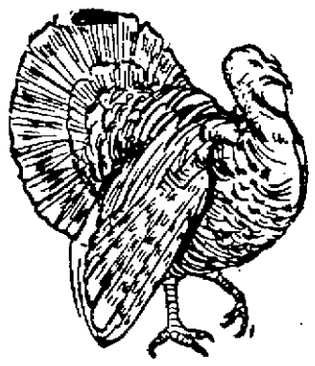

These turkeys are of the same high quality as were those you bought here last Christmas. Large or small, either at 20c or 30c a pound. Each one of these birds is guaranteed to be strictly fresh and will well grace your dinner table on the 25th.

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Sirloin Steak	18c to 22c
Vein Steak	22c
Top Round	25c
Short Rump	30c
Hamburg Steak, 2 lbs.	25c
Roast Veal	12½c
Pork to Roast	12½c
Pork Chops	13c to 15c
Fresh Shoulders	12c

VEGETABLES

Onions, small, lb.	1c
Onions, large, 3 lbs.	10c
Parsnips, lb.	3c
Carrots, lb.	2c

TURKEYS, small, per lb.	20c
10 to 12 pound TURKEYS, per lb.	25c
Extra Fancy TURKEYS, per lb.	30c
Fancy Fresh Killed GEESE, per lb.	22c and 25c
Fancy Fresh Killed DUCK, per lb.	20c and 22c
Large Fresh Killed CHICKENS, per lb.	22c and 25c
BROILERS, from 2 to 4 lbs. per lb.	20c and 22c
FRESH KILLED FOWL, per lb.	20c and 23c

English Walnuts, per lb.	18c
Mixed Nuts, per lb.	15c
Almonds, per lb.	22c
Table Apples, pk.	25c
Oranges, doz.	15c
Oranges, large and sweet, doz.	18c
Fancy Oranges, doz.	22c

GROCERIES

Creamery Butter, lb.	27c
Guaranteed Eggs, doz.	25c
Meadow Grove Eggs, doz.	32c

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REMOVAL OF EMBARGO

Exportation of Fish From Newfoundland to Greece Resumed—Ships Held at Gibraltar Released

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 23.—Announcement was made today that the Newfoundland government had been advised of the removal of the prohibition of exportation of fish from this colony to Greece imposed by the British government some time ago as an incident to its efforts to obtain the support of Greece in the Balkan campaign. Several vessels laden with cod which had been held at Gibraltar have been permitted to proceed to their destinations.

The French government has declined the request of the Newfoundland government, made through the British colonial office, that Newfoundland fish be permitted free entry into France during the war. It was explained that such action would necessitate an extension of the same privilege to all countries with which France had "most favored nation" treaties.

$10,000 FOR EXPERTS

STATE TO INVESTIGATE BAY STATE PETITION TO INCREASE FARES—APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDED

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Experts who will represent the residents of more than 90 cities and towns of this state whose interests are involved in connection with the petition of the Bay State Street Railway company to raise more than $1,600,000 a year by an increase in fares, will be appointed to examine the technical data submitted to the public service commission by the company's expert and to make other investigations, as the result of an appropriation voted by the governor and council yesterday.

On recommendation of the governor, the council voted that the public service commission be authorized to expend $10,000 from the governor's fund to secure expert aid in connection with the Bay State fare raise petition.

The public service commission found that its inspection department burdened as it is with the regular work was unable to cope with the additional labor of making the necessary investigation to enable the commission to get all of the facts in the case as its members want them.

The governor decided that the commission should have the aid of experts and should get this aid at once, as under the law the commission must issue an order forbidding a proposed increase of this kind within six months after being notified by a company of its intention to make rate changes or the proposed changes go into effect automatically.

Gov. Walsh stated yesterday that the time on the Bay State case began in September and would run out about the last of February.

He submitted a statement to the council and the latter body with the exceptions of Lieut.-Gov. Cushing and Councillor Wright voted for the $10,000 appropriation. The latter, it is understood, felt that the matter should be put up to the next legislature. The governor felt, he said, that a delay might prove serious and defeat the object of the appropriation.

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THE SPELLBINDER

Dr. Rooney, who was ousted from the position of registrar of voters by the election of Lawyer Frank M. Qua intends to have the matter aired in court owing to the difference of opinion that has arisen as to the interpretation of the statutes relative to registrars. The law states that the election of registrars shall take place during one of two months in the year, and thus not at any time that the municipal council may elect. Mr. Qua's friends claim, however, that the law imposes a duty as well as a privilege upon the municipal council and while it states that the election shall take place in one of two months, if the council fails to avail itself of its privilege of making that election one month before the expiration of the term, it becomes its duty to elect at any time after that term has expired

The personality of the rival contenders in the case doesn't enter into the controversy at all Both are eminently qualified and desirable candidates for the position One has already shown his ability and the other is ready and willing to show his.

Mayor-Elect a Busy Man

Between cleaning up imperative law matters that demand his attention at the present time and giving ear to the requests and importunities of a host of candidates for positions and their friends, Mayor-elect O'Donnell is an exceedingly busy man these days. From 9 in the morning until 9 at night the mayor-elect has been on the jump since election day, and there is no sign of a let-up. For each position, high and low, in which popular fancy believes a change may be made, there are some 40 candidates, more or less, and each candidate not satisfied with making personal application, has a host of friends to plead his cause. It is doubtful if ever before in local politics, certainly never before under this form of government, have so many men holding position in the pay of the city taken such an active personal part in a political campaign. Despite the provisions of the civil service law men holding civil service positions have come out openly as campaigners, and now those who have lost are turning heaven and earth to protect their positions. It has always been an unwritten rule of politics to sink or swim; to go up or go down with one's man and cause, but this year sees some notable exceptions to the rule, for some of the men who were the most strenuously opposed to the mayor-elect are now pleading the hardest to get his good-will Already the mayor-elect has received a sufficient number of invitations to banquets, etc., to ensure him a case of indigestion or dyspepsia if he makes good with the knife and fork at all of them.

One Day Off in Five

The one-day-off-in-five can truly be called a Christmas gift for the firemen for if the fire commissioner so decides the one-day-off-in-five regulation may start on Christmas day. The law states that the one day off shall become operative upon the acceptance of the act. The act was formally accepted by the people of Lowell on election day, Dec. 14. Then the election law provides 10 days' time within which a petition for a re-count may be asked The 10 day limit expires tomorrow evening, and there has been no such petition and hence the new order of things may legally go into effect on Christmas morning

A Merry Christmas

Whether they always agreed with him or not The Spellbinder wishes all Sun readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

THE SPELLBINDER.

COLONEL VILLA ARRESTED

TAKEN FROM TRAIN ON CHARGE OF SWINDLING—TO BE TAKEN TO JAIL

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 23.—To forestall habeas corpus proceedings by which Col. Hipolito Villa might have been obtained from El Paso, Col. Villa, accompanied by a detective, was started for El Paso this morning at 4.50 o'clock.

Villa was arrested here last night on a Southern Pacific train from the west, the arrest being based on a message from the El Paso chief of police, charging Villa with swindling. Villa agreed to return and face the charge without formal court order, and even consented to pay his and the detective's fare.

Local officers were informed today that Villa will be met by the El Paso chief some distance east of El Paso and taken to jail to await the fixing of bonds.

VILLA FORCES ROUTED

Nine Hundred Soldiers Killed, Wounded or Taken Prisoner After Fierce Fight According to Carranza Officials

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Carranza troops under Gen. Trevino engaged what remained of the Villa army in battle Tuesday, and yesterday at Mapula, 10 miles outside Chihuahua City, inflicting a severe defeat.

Nine hundred Villa soldiers were killed, wounded or taken prisoner, according to advices to Carranza officials in Neuvo Laredo last night.

The Carranza losses were said to have been small. Gen. Trevino, with his soldiers, who have advanced rapidly to Chihuahua during the past 10 days, encountered the Villa soldiers moving southward.

A fierce battle ensued, in which no quarter was shown. The Villa soldiers fought desperately, and the battle lasted all Tuesday afternoon and was prolonged through the night until the Villa troops surrendered yesterday morning. The streets of the village of Mapula were strewn with dead when firing ceased.

QUIET AT JUAREZ

"Wickedest Town in Mexico" Spent First Night Under Carranza Control

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Gen. Alvaro Obregon, Carranza commander-in-chief of northern Mexico, who just arrived here last night from Nogales, Sonora, said he would go to Juarez, just across the border late today.

Juarez passed its first night under Carranza control peacefully and with less of the bustle characteristic of "the wickedest town in Mexico."

Gambling had ceased and the disorderly resorts have been closed.

Constitutionalist currency issued to the soldiers now has purchasing value in the stores.

Chihuahua City was occupied yesterday according to messages received at the Mexican consulate here.

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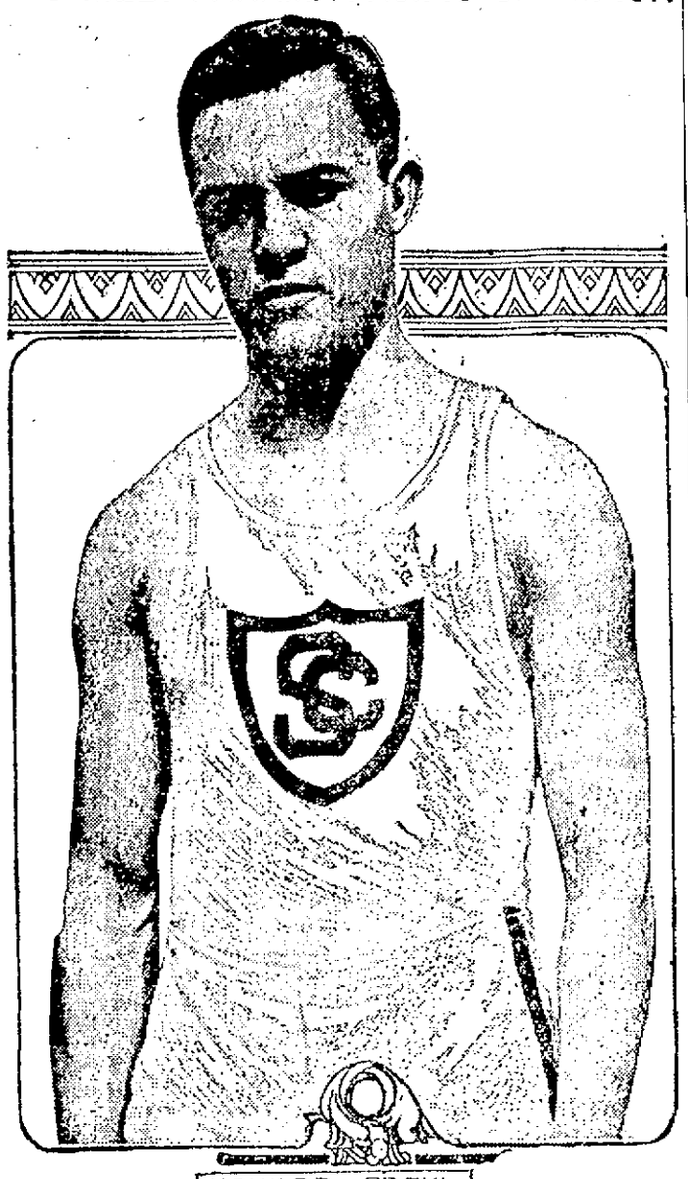

Howard Drew, the world's champion sprinter, who recently announced his retirement from competition, has reconsidered his determination to hang up his spiked shoes. He will journey to this city from his home in California for the sole purpose of meeting Joe Loomis of Chicago, who captured the national sprint title in the Panama-Pacific games in California a short time ago, in a special match race at the Millrose Athletic association games to be held in Madison Square Garden, Jan. 26th. The race between the pair should be one of the best that has been held in some time.

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BRITISH LOSSES

Total at Dardanelles Up to December 11 Was 112,921

LONDON, Dec. 23, 12.48 p. m.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to December 11, was 112,921.

This is the grand total of officers and men, including the naval lists of killed, wounded and missing. The number killed was 25,279. In addition to the total of the casualties, the number of sick admitted to hospitals was 96,653.

The losses were distributed as follows:

Killed: Officers, 1609; men, 23,670.
Wounded: Officers, 2569; men, 72,222.
Missing: Officers, 337; men, 12,114.

Money deposited in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank on or before Saturday, January 1st, will draw interest from that date.

CITY HALL NEWS

Continued

asked my opinion in the matter and I have given it"

Mr. Putnam, however, stuck to his original suggestion, that Mr. McLaughlin's services should be dispensed with, though he agreed with what the latter had to say. "But if we intended to have an expert we should have said so in the first place," concluded Mr. Putnam.

Mr. McLaughlin had referred to several big jobs, including schoolhouses, in which the services of the consulting architect had been retained by municipalities, and Mr. Carmichael said again that he believed the city should continue Mr. McLaughlin in its service, for a time at least.

In reply to Mr. Morse, Mr. McLaughlin said the school could not be built within the appropriation if the accepted plans were carried out to the letter. He said, however, that the plans could be modified and even at that the strictest economy would have to be exercised. He said there would have to be a general rearrangement of the plans.

The mayor said the school would have to be built for $450,000. "And that means," said Mr. McLaughlin, "that it would require a man with complete knowledge of school buildings to build within the appropriation. I do not say that Mr. Rourke is not a thoroughly competent architect. I know he is a competent architect, but I do feel as if he ought to have someone to consult and advise with."

"This is the biggest proposition," said Mr. Morse, "that Lowell has ever had to contend with so far as schoolhouses are concerned, and I hope we will not make any mistake in the matter."

$450,000 School

"It seems to me," said Mr. McLaughlin, "that before you go any further you should be advised what you can get for $450,000. The sensible way is to know what you are going to do before you go ahead, and I say to you that with proper study the present plans can be so modified as to build the school within the amount stated by the mayor, $450,000."

"Why didn't we find this out in the first place?" asked Mr. Putnam.

"The plans drawn," said the mayor, "were drawn for the purpose of selecting an architect," and Mr. McLaughlin added that the plan selected was the most flexible one and the one that would most readily admit of the necessary modifications.

"If we had selected a commission in the first place," said Mr. Putnam, "would the commission have allowed architects to bring in high priced plans that could not be followed out within our appropriation?"

"What we should have done was to have called for plans that we could build by—not illusionary affairs."

It was again explained that the plans presented in competition were skeletons and that it is now up to the architect to develop suitable plans for a school that can be built within the appropriation.

Mr. Duncan said the council did not know in the beginning how much the school would cost as the question had not been discussed. It was known that $700,000 had been appropriated but out of that had to be paid the various amounts for seized property, heating, ventilating, etc.

Mr. McLaughlin's Position

"As to my fee for the services already rendered," said Mr. McLaughlin, "I am entirely in your hands and I presume I was negligent in not having an agreement in the beginning. I have been very much interested in the proposition and have found great pleasure in working with you. I have asked $1200, but you can pay me what you please. If you say that I am not entitled to anything I will accept that and there certainly shall be no hard feelings on my part if my services are discontinued at this time."

The conference was continued at considerable length.

"I think your fee is very reasonable," said Messrs. Carmichael and Morse in unison. "I think we could not have selected a more competent architect than Mr. Rourke," said Mr. Carmichael, "but it seems he ought to have somebody with whom to advise."

It was suggested that Mr. Rourke be consulted, but Mr. Duncan said he thought it was squarely up to the council. "It is not for Mr. Rourke to say if he wants some one to consult with," concluded Mr. Duncan.

No final action was taken.

School Power Plant

J. V. Kimball, of the Richard D. Kimball Co., engineers, heating, ventilating and electrical, was heard on the power plant proposition for the school buildings as they will be arranged in Kirk street.

Mr. Kimball said his company has had wide experience and he read a long list of buildings for which his company had furnished the power, heat and ventilation. These included everything at Dartmouth within the last 18 years; the power plant at the Tucke $1,000,000 gymnasium, Princeton university buildings, Princeton Theological seminary, Swarthmore college, University of Rochester, University of Maine, engineering building of the New Hampshire agricultural college at Durham, N. H., four high schools in Pittsburgh, Pa., St. Paul's school, Concord, N. H., Phillips Andover and Phillips Exeter; normal school, Lowell; two high schools in New Bedford and two in Springfield.

Mr. Kimball said his company would charge five per cent. of the total cost of the work and that he would not charge anything for preliminary plans. He allowed that the best would be none too good for the plant to be installed in the school circle here. "I thoroughly believe," he said, "that there is no feature or department of a school as important as the heating and ventilating. When you consider that the children spend eight months out of the year in school it is clearly essential that they should get the best there is."

Still Another Conference

Harold C. Varnum was the next up to speak. He wanted to ask about the sewer through the Chase land. He said that no land damages had been paid and none was being asked, but the owners wanted a right of way made a matter of record. There had been no sewer assessment bill rendered and there was no money concerned. Mr. Varney asked for right of drainage as well as the right of way over the sewer.

City Solicitor Hennessy said the estate could give the city a deed in which would be reserved the right of drainage and right of way—an easement of travel.

Mr. Hennessy said he thought it would be dangerous to use the land above the sewer for planting purposes.

Mr. Putnam thought it would have been better to have paid for the land and assess the sewer. He said the city might want to put a street through there some day. The length of the sewer and the Chase land is 455 feet and the assessment would be $2 a foot. Mr. Varnum said he thought there was little danger of a sewer ever being put through there.

The matter was referred to the mayor and the city solicitor.

Next week is "Quarter Week" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

CONTRACTOR GAY DEAD

Built Over 300 Houses in New Bedford Since 1876—Erected Many Summer Buildings

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 23.—George W. Gay, a contractor and builder, died at his residence here early today.

Since Mr. Gay came to New Bedford in 1876 he erected more than 300 residences in this city alone, and besides this number he built many of the fine summer places at the nearby shore resorts.

WILSONS ASTONISH GUESTS

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 23.—From early yesterday morning until after dark President Wilson and his bride motored over winding roads and through unbridged creeks. When their bespattered car returned to the hotel here last night, they had traversed many miles and had crossed the West Virginia line to visit White Sulphur Springs.

At White Sulphur Springs the couple created a stir by walking into the public dining room of the principal hotel for luncheon.

GERMAN WAR REPORT

BERLIN, Dec. 23, via London.—The war office announced today that the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf captured earlier in the week by the French, had been regained by the Germans.

The text of the statement is as follows:

"Western theatre of war: During hot fighting yesterday a brave regiment of the 82nd landwehr brigade recaptured the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf. The enemy suffered extraordinarily severe losses and left 23 officers and 1530 men in our hands. We are now busy clearing some portions of a trench on the northern slope which is still occupied by the French.

"The figures given in the French report of yesterday evening regarding the fighting around Hartmanns-Weilerkopf on the 21st instant are exaggerated by at least one-half. Our total losses, including all the killed, wounded and missing, so far as at present ascertained, amount to 1100 men.

"There is nothing to report from the eastern and Balkan theatres of war."

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Flannel Shirts 79c to $2.00
Neglige Shirts 50c
Sweaters 50c to $2.50
Arm Bands 10c to 25c
Braces, boxed, pair 25c
Raincoats $3.00 to $10
Umbrellas 50c to 98c
Corduroy and Canvas Coats, Blankets and Fur Lined $2.00 to $6.50
Winter Caps 25c to $1.50
Underwear 39c to 79c

USEFUL GIFTS FOR BOYS
Hockey Caps 25c to 50c
Umbrellas 50c
Rubber Coats $2.00
Overcoats $2.00 to $7.50
Suits, 2½ to 17 years $1.98 to $7.98
Indian Suits 98c to $2.00
Blouses 25c to 50c
Pants 50c to $1.25
Gloves, pair 15c
Caps 25c to 45c

USEFUL GIFTS FOR GIRLS
Rubber Capes $1.98 and $2.50
Umbrellas 50c
Dresses 29c to $1.98
Underwear 25c to 45c
Hose, pair 12½c

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Cotton Blankets, pair 65c to $2.98
Cotton Puffs $1.50 to $4.00
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NAMED BY GOV. WALSH

Thomas H. Buttimer Appointed Judge of Juvenile Court of Boston—Other Appointments

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Governor Walsh yesterday appointed Thomas H. Buttimer of Hingham to the much coveted position of judge of the juvenile court of Boston; reappointed Charles W. M. Williams of this city to a clerkship of that court, and hurled a bombshell into the state board of registration in dentistry by appointing Drs. George H. Payne of Boston and William M. Sullivan of North Adams in the places of two of the present members of the board.

The governor also appointed Joseph B. Ely of Westfield to the position of district attorney of the western Massachusetts district, to take the place of the late Clarence Niles, and named Andrew N. Maxon of Blackstone for the position of clerk of the second southern Worcester district court.

Approves Mullane

Fourteen other appointments were also sent to the council by the governor.

At its session yesterday the council approved the appointment of Dist. Atty. Ely and of Edward B. Mullane, whose appointment to the board of boiler rules was strenuously objected to by several people.

All of the other appointments were put over by the council until the next meeting, which will be the last regular session of that body. It is regarded as certain at the state house that nearly all of these and the other appointments, action upon which is pending, will be either rejected or allowed to die by the council.

The governor did not name the new head of the state police yesterday, but stated that he expected to do so before the end of this week. It is understood that this appointment, which has been hanging fire for several months, will be made today or tomorrow.

Nearly all day was spent by the council in a lively hearing, which it held on the appointment of Dr. Lester Howard to be the head of the state board of animal industry. The hearing was continued this morning.

Other Appointments

The other appointments made by the governor were as follows: Frederick W. Ryan of Lynn, master in chancery; Francis H. Caskins, Jr., of Danvers, vice Trustee Donahue, resigned; Chas. F. Gettemy of Boston, and Charles A. Southworth of Swampscott, members of the board of publication; David E. Crawford, Boston, master in chancery, Suffolk county; Walter J. Donovan, Adams, clerk of the fourth district court of Berkshire; William J. Sullivan of Lawrence, medical examiner, Essex county, vice Medical Examiner Dow; Joseph H. Milliken of Dighton, trustee, Independent Agricultural school of Bristol county; Charles A. Gleason, No. Braintree, trustee of the Massachusetts Agricultural school; Justin E. Varney of Lawrence, trustee of the Independent Agricultural school, Essex county; Edward E. Ginsburg of Boston, trustee, Worcester State hospital, vice Gage, resigned; Ernest L. Hunt of Worcester, associate medical examiner, Worcester county; Edwin E. Thayer, Attleboro, master in chancery, Bristol county; John F. Hayes of Fitchburg, board of registration in pharmacy.

AMERICAN WOMAN HELD

MARIA GOODRICH MOSELEY UNDER BAIL IN LONDON COURT ON ABDUCTION CHARGE

LONDON, Dec 23.—Maria Goodrich Moseley, an American, was remanded for a week at the West London police court yesterday, charged by the police authorities with removing her niece, aged 14, from the possession of and against the will of the latter's mother, Helen Moseley Drewry. Bail was fixed at 200 pounds.

Counsel on presenting the case of the prosecution, said both Miss Moseley and Mrs. Drewry were Americans. Miss Moseley, he declared, arrived in England from the United States Dec. 14, stayed at her sister's flat, and became attached to her niece. Four days later, counsel said, Miss Moseley left the house after a disagreement. Half an hour later the girl Helen, disappeared and her mother since has been unable to find her.

In the witness box Mrs. Drewry said that when she asked her sister where the child was, Miss Moseley declared she knew nothing about her. When she repeated the question later, witness said, Miss Moseley replied that she would not tell, adding that "it might incriminate" her. Mrs. Drewry testified that her sister had said the girl was perfectly safe and on being asked how she knew this, had said the girl had called her on the telephone and told her so.

Counsel for Miss Moseley said the defendant throughout had asserted that she did not know the whereabouts of the girl and asked that she be released on her own recognizance. To this the magistrate replied:

"No, I cannot do that. It is a serious charge and I want substantial bail."

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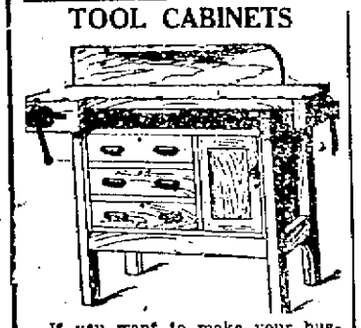
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M'CALL TO HOLD COLE

GOVERNOR-ELECT SATISFIED WITH ADJUTANT GENERAL—NAMES S. R. MILLER SECRETARY

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Governor-elect McCall yesterday announced that he will reappoint Adjutant General Chas. H. Cole of the state militia.

The governor-elect also made official announcement that he has selected Stanley R. Miller of Winchester as his private secretary, and Henry F. Long of Topsfield as assistant secretary.

Adjutant General Cole's reappointment will, it is believed at the state house, be received with satisfaction in military circles. The adjutant general is a democrat in politics but has never carried his politics into public office. He was appointed to his present position by Gov. Walsh last year, shortly after his resignation as fire commissioner of Boston was accepted by Mayor Curley and after the governor won his fight to oust former Adjutant General Gardner Pearson of Lowell.

Mr. Miller is a law partner of the governor-elect and a neighbor of his in Winchester. He is a graduate of Harvard class of 1903 and of Harvard law school, class of 1906. He has never been prominent in politics.

Mr. Long was a member of the house of representatives in 1914 and 1915. This year he served as the house chairman of the committee on public service and a member of the committee on rules. He was regarded as one of the abler younger members of the legislature.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Following the regular meeting of Centralville lodge, 215, I.O.O.F., held last evening in Odd Fellows building on Bridge street, the initiatory degree team held an important rehearsal. The degree will be conferred on Dec. 29, when the election of officers will also take place.

Betsy Ross Sisterhood

A well attended meeting of Betsy Ross Sisterhood, 70, Dames of Malta, was held last evening with Queen Esther Mathilda Cilley presiding. Considerable business was transacted. It was voted to have the mistletoe party on January 3. A short entertainment was given at the close of the meeting.

Union Rebekah Lodge

The annual election of officers of Highland Union Rebekah lodge took place last evening in Highland hall with the following result:

N.G., Etta C. Watson; V.G., Alice Chamberlain; recording secretary, Grace L. Gillis; financial, secretary, Grace Milberry; treasurer, Gertrude Houston; trustee, P.N.G., Rebecca Clark. Installation will take place the first meeting in January. The entertainment committee prepared a surprise in the nature of a Christmas tree, each member receiving a present, after which an oyster supper was served. There was a large attendance.

REWEIGHING OF COAL

DRASTIC INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY STATE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 23.—Drastic instructions relative to the reweighing of coal are contained in a letter addressed to all sealers and deputy sealers of weights and measures and issued by Thure Hanson of Worcester, state sealer of weights and measures. In this letter Mr. Hanson states that "especial attention should be given by the sealers of weights and measures to the reweighing of coal in transit during the winter months. From annual reports filed with me by local sealers, I find that in many instances this important branch of the work has not been attended to as it should have been."

The commissioner then goes on to request that a large amount of this work be done and states that he is not in accord with the method in force by some of the sealers. The law gives a sealer the right to stop a coal wagon on the road and direct it to the nearest scale to be weighed, to then have the wagon return to the same scale after the delivery and weigh the tare; and also to examine the certificate and take a copy of it.

The old method used by some of the sealers is to wait at the scale for the return of the wagon after the gross weight has been taken and then weigh to ascertain the net weight of the coal. This custom must be abandoned by order of the commissioners, who sets forth in the letter the proper manner in which to reweigh the coal.

"The only proper way to reweigh the coal," says Mr. Hanson, "is for the sealer to follow the load of coal from the time it leaves the coal yard, and have the same reweighed upon some proper scale and then proceed with the load until it has been delivered, returning with the wagon to the same scale as it was first weighed upon, reweighing the tare. But a very few of the sealers throughout the state have reweighed coal in this manner. Therefore, I wish to impress the necessity of all sealers to doing the above noted. There is absolutely no protection for the public if the sealer simply stops a load of coal, reweighs it and upon return of the vehicle reweighs the tare. If a driver wishes to be dishonest, he can unload a bag or more of coal between the time of reweighing and delivery, and the sealer would have no knowledge of the loss. This has been done in some instances to my knowledge.

"I also wish to impress upon the sealers the necessity of having all coal weighed by a sworn weigher and requiring the certificates to be made out correctly, and that the weigher sign his full name and not the initials. My attention has been called to instances where sworn weighers' certificates had been made out the day previous, and another party reweighing the coal in the morning had given out the certificates to the drivers. This is absolutely illegal. Examine all certificates and see that they are made out correctly.

"Your attention is also called to the necessity of notifying all coal dealers in your town that all divided loads should be weighed separately."

HOYT.

TO PUNISH BULGARIAN OFFICERS

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Athens correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co. sends the following:

"In reply to representations made to the German and Bulgarian governments regarding the Koritza incident in which a Bulgarian detachment in alleged pursuit of a small Serbian force crossed the Greek frontier, the Greek government has received assurances that the Bulgarian officer responsible will be punished."

SPENCER, KELLY AND MARION WILDER
Appearing at B. F. Keith's Theatre All This Week

AMUSEMENT NOTES

OPERA HOUSE

With an advance sale of seats which exceeds all other attractions, "The Big Idea" which is this week's offering of the Emerson players at the Opera House promises to break all the season's big records, and unless patrons secure seats early many are certain to be disappointed. Never before has there been such a rush for seats for any play offered in this city in the past quarter century and never before has any play suited the appeal of the theatregoers as greatly as "The Big Idea." As many who can should arrange to see this play today or tomorrow because there is a tremendous demand for seats for the holiday. On Christmas, the matinee starts at three o'clock instead of two fifteen, and to be certain of seeing this play on the holiday, it is best to order seats for the matinee, as there are only a few seats now left for the evening performance. Reservations will be made by 'phoning 261.

"The Big Idea" is an unusual play and a play which tells a wonderful story with comedy and drama so interweven that it appeals to the emotions of all. James Howard, a wealthy banker, is in need of $22,000 to settle some financial difficulties. His son is about to commit suicide so that his father may obtain the $25,000 insurance on his life when Elaine Foster, a young newspaper girl, breaks in upon them, and offers a suggestion as to how to secure the much wanted money. How they succeed makes the basis of the story of "The Big Idea," yet the authors have woven in many sub-plots which thrill and amuse throughout and gives the play all the qualities of good entertaining. For a solid year, this play ran at the Fulton theatre, New York, and for two months broke all records for business at the Plymouth theatre in Boston.

Homer Barton gives a splendid performance of Richard Howard while Frances Woodbury makes a charming and lovable Elaine Foster. The play gives the Emerson players opportunity to appear in different roles and Joseph Crehan, Edward Nannary, Walter von Boekman, Darel Goodwin, Gilberta Faust, Richard Barry, Frank Wright, and others appear to great advantage in their various characters.

Order your seats now. Do not wait until it is too late for this attraction is positively limited to this week only and those are unable to secure seats will miss one of the grandest treats ever offered in Lowell theatricals.

Next week, the Emerson players will present the brilliant play of New England life, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" which has been secured for one week's production by special arrangement with Kate Douglas Wiggin and Charlotte Thompson, the authors. Rebecca was originally produced in Lowell and because of the fact that it is now being produced here for the first time at popular prices, there is great interest, and all Lowell will see this play.

Miss Ann O'Day, the popular leading lady of the Emerson players will return to the cast next week, after a two weeks' rest, and will play the title role of "Rebecca." Miss O'Day is certain of a wonderful reception, and already there is a big demand for seats.

Sunday afternoon and evening, the Opera House will offer a splendid program of vaudeville and picture features with five big acts and as many reels of the newest comedy and dramatic subjects in photo play. Just watch the papers for further announcement of this splendid Sunday show.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

A holiday bill is never really complete unless there is well placed thereon an act which makes a real appeal to children. And this week, at the B. F. Keith theatre, the act which will make any kiddie sit right up and take notice is that being given by Derkin's Animal Novelty. This is in reality not the usual animal act, for the dogs and a pair of monkeys carry on a little pantomime for full 15 minutes without the appearance on the stage of any human being. And they do their level best to act and look like human beings. They use only two legs, instead of the four given them by nature, and never a slip is there in their work. The special favorite of the lot is Rusty, the dog who is in the spotlight all of the time, and whose specialty requires that he spend most of his time in sitting on a keg. It is a most unusual performance, and one which will make its appeal not alone to children, but to the majority of grown-ups. Kenny & Hollis, the original college boys, do about everything any team can. Kenny is as original a man as stands on the stage today. He is always good. And another very bright pair are "Skeet" Gallagher and Irene Martin, as classy a duo of funmakers and dancers as ever comes to us. Spenser Kelly and Marion Wilder, with Miss Maloney, violinist, and Miss Haynes, pianist, gives "Melodies, Past and Present," and others acts on the bill are:—The Three Floods, inimitable acrobatic comedians; McShane & Robinson, blackface comedians, and the Ramsdell Duo, dancers. Tickets may be obtained in advance. 'Phone 28.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

Starting with the performances today at the Merrimack Square theatre and lasting until the change of program Sunday, Maclyn Arbuckle, big and jolly as ever, will appear in the five-act Paramount picture "The Reform Candidate," which is an absorbing story of home and politics and this picture gives the insight into the inner workings of a political ring. Such a subject is always of interest to everyone but when Maclyn Arbuckle appears in the play it is triply interesting. Determined to break the unscrupulous husband but equally determined to befriend the brave, loyal wife, "Boss" Hoke is face to face with a staggering situation in the climax of this five-act Paramount picture, "The Reform Candidate." The revenge he wreaks upon the one and the magnanimous restitution to Mrs. Grandell probably as splendid a character as a photo-play has brought out in years, precedes a smashing surprise when they find that May Hoke, the adopted daughter of the "boss," is the long lost daughter of Grandell's after all. The role of "Boss" Hoke, the political genius, is played by Mr. Arbuckle himself, while to Myrtle Stedman is left the interpretation of May Grandell's character. This is but one of the pictures from now on, which will be shown during the coming season at the Merrimack Square theatre, and which have never been equalled in the past in this city. There are other big surprises in store for the patrons of this theatre in the near future. But this is not the only picture worthy of note which will be shown at this theatre during the next three days commencing with today. The rest of the program consists of a large number of other exceptionally fine pictures, each one of which you will thoroughly enjoy. Be sure to see this show at your earliest opportunity.

OWL THEATRE

"The Rosary," the famous photo-drama that is considered to be as good as any good sermon, will again be the attraction at the Owl theatre today. Featured in this seven reel Selig Red Seal picture are two of the famous stars of the movies, Kathlyn Williams and Charles Clary. Many other excellent photoplays will also be presented at the Owl today.

JEWEL THEATRE

Hobart Bosworth in a stirring five reel film version of "Colorado" by Augustus Thomas is the feature booked for Friday and Saturday at the Jewel theatre. This wonderful play has been produced in a vivid, dramatic manner, and a select cast interprets the different characters in a wonderfully realistic manner. Some inspiring western scenes are seen in the different reels, while some of the mine scenes are dramatic to the extreme, as well as utterly unusual. A scene that is especially strong, is the blowing of dynamite that imprisons four persons in the bottom of the shaft. And similar risky things happen to the characters. Five other pictures shown.

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SKOULOUDIS WANTS TO RESIGN

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Athens correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co. writing under date of Tuesday, sends the following:

"The cabinet is sitting in council tonight, and important decisions are expected. The aged premier (M. Skouloudis) finds the strain of office very heavy and is anxious to resign, now that the elections are over and there is a majority for M. Gounaris. The latter, however, at the present juncture does not desire to assume the reins of government, and would rather continue the support of the present ministry composed of leaders of all parties.

"The central powers are concentrating their forces in the Giergeli sector (in southeastern Serbia) and are expected to take the offensive this week."

B. A. HAWKSLEY DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 23.—B. A. Hawksley, a close friend and adviser of the late Cecil Rhodes, died in London Tuesday, it is announced.

Mr. Hawksley was a trustee of the will of Mr. Rhodes.

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IS THE PRESS SUBSIDIZED?

Certain apologists for foreign governments in this country and agents working in a propaganda to create favorable sentiment towards some of the belligerent powers have made the claim that the American press is subsidized. Acting on the cue thus given, many newspaper readers who, for one reason or another, do not like the tone of foreign despatches, have come to make the same charge, and almost any casual war discussion on the street will bring out the fellow who declares "The papers do not tell the truth; they are all subsidized by England." Once in a while one hears the contrary assertion that the papers play up the German victories and do not give credit enough to the British, or the French or the Russians, as the case may be.

Charges that the American press is subsidized are sheer nonsense. Unquestionably there are papers devoted to the interest of one side or the other, but these are not generally included in the popular conception of the "press." Such papers are either avowedly biased, or are so one-sided that after a few issues they are quoted as prejudiced against one side. They do not, as a general rule, try to deceive the public by posing as neutral papers, and those who read them realize that they are reading news matter and editorial matter that are published with the intention of creating a favorable public sentiment for the side they champion. Because of the American attitude, German sympathizers have waged a more active propaganda along these lines than pro-British agents, and "The Fatherland" is a typical, though extreme, sample of these papers.

Coming to the daily papers generally, many of the leading papers of the country have engaged special writers or experts who write of the war from a more or less personal and biased viewpoint. At least two of the larger Boston dailies have such writers, but again they are frankly one-sided, and the papers in question do not strive to give any other impression. Generally speaking, these writers are of the nationality of the power whose exploits they praise, but many who do not agree with them read their articles, realizing that they have more value than the opinions of the average citizen. Regular readers of the papers which have experts on their staffs recognize their bias and one does not expect the English point of view from Anthony Arnoux or the German point of view from Richard Harding Davis or Rudyard Kipling. There can be no valid objection to the employment of these one-sided experts, provided the paper is honest in presenting their views, and it is not unusual to see side by side the conflicting views of writers or speakers who champion the respective causes of opposing belligerents.

So far as the great mass of American papers go, they publish the war news just as they get it. There is not in the world a more efficient service than the Associated Press, the chief consideration of which is to secure news that has a real news value. Now the Associated Press sends over the wires the despatches from the foreign capitals just as they come, and the papers rush them into type without coloring them in the least in favor of one side or another. If a great German victory is reported, the headlines tell of it; if the allies have done or claim to have done something brilliant, the papers likewise feature it. It may not be always possible to keep a delicate balance in the matter of headlines and the location of news, but as a general proposition the newspapers publish all of the war despatches that come over the wires. The papers are concerned mostly with the news value of the story, and the news columns are a faithful reflex of the war news as it comes. That England has influenced the American press by a subsidy is too foolish to be taken seriously, and it does not seem possible that the great newspapers which publish the most rabid views of one-sided experts receive any foreign compensation for so doing. The smaller propagandist papers may be directly supported with funds from one of the warring nations, but such papers cannot deceive anybody. The real live American dailies, however, are free from the financial influence of any of the foreign powers. The American papers that lean editorially towards one side or the other do so honestly and only because they consider it their duty to stand for democracy, justice and truth, and the reader who reads The Sun or any other paper in the Associated Press news service may rest assured that he gets the news unchanged, just as The Sun gets it from the foreign capitals. The subsidized newspaper is one that writes up the news of one side and either suppresses or writes down the news of the other side. It will be noted, of course, in the war news that each of the belligerent powers exaggerates its victories and minimizes its defeats. Russia and France are perhaps most candid and accurate in their official statements. Germany has a disposition never to admit defeat and when she suffers a reverse at one point she generally reports a victory at another battle front or else summarizes the losses of her adversaries for the preceding month which usually makes a very formidable statement. Thus the official statements of the belligerents in reporting any battle or military movement are usually contradictory; but for this the press is not to blame. The intelligent reader can easily perceive where the exaggeration lies and draw fairly accurate conclusions as to the actual facts in the case.

These contradictory reports more than anything else, perhaps, are responsible for the assumption by the inexperienced that the press is subsidized or unfair, whereas the press is faithfully publishing the dispatches issued by the belligerents. It must be remembered that the news of this war is not gathered by press correspondents at the front but comes directly from the war offices of the belligerent powers. This is the first war in which war correspondents at the front have been eliminated. They could not safely accompany the troops on any of the battle fronts except they lived in the trenches and that would not be permitted. Hence the press is dependent for its news almost wholly upon what the belligerent powers wish to give out. The censors are very busy men and it is doubtless because of their activity that we do not get more accurate and more complete war news.

"MUST COMMAND SEAS"

The annual report of the navy general board, headed by Admiral Dewey, makes the startling suggestion that the American navy should be increased so enormously and so promptly that by 1925 it shall be equal to the navy of any other nation of the world. "The navy of the United States," says the report, "should ultimately be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world. It should be gradually increased to this point by such a rate of development year by year as may be permitted by the facilities of the country, but the limit above defined should be attained not later than 1925." In suggesting this extreme measure the board frankly confesses to a change of front, saying that the war has taught America that it must be ready not only to defend its coast but to command the seas and, if necessary, drive the enemy's merchant marine to cover.

If this change in our naval policy is necessary, America must face some unpleasant facts. First of all, the Monroe Doctrine must get a new interpretation. Pan-Americanism must be set aside and America must take her place among the militarist nations. It will not do any longer to talk of our geographical isolation or the democratic ideals that keep us away from the war-creating diplomacy of the old world. If we have learned the lessons of the war, as to the necessity for a great navy, we must learn the other half of the lesson and also maintain a great army, for England's navy has not sufficed. Can it be that we are ready to throw away all our American traditions and to take on the policies that have brought war and national destruction on the leading nations of Europe?

There are two great faults in this report. It is premature, and the principle urged for the development of a larger navy is wrong. May it not be that the end of this war will result in mutual disarmaments, and an agreement between the belligerents to do away with competition? Why should America be pushed into a radical departure from her ideals by a war, the lessons of which the world has not yet learned or applied? Why not wait until we see how large the largest army and navy shall be? Surely none of the belligerents pine to get at us when this fight is over, and such a gigantic scheme should be pondered long and carefully.

Again, why should we measure our navy by the standards of other nations? International rivalry brought the war on Europe and it would in time bring war and the burdens of militarism on America. While we believe in reasonable preparedness, we regard the proposition of the navy board as amazing.

SUN'S SPECIAL SERVICE

Realizing that many of its readers are intensely interested in the congressional and other Washington news and also in the doings of the state house, Boston, The Sun this season has added to its staff two special writers, one of whom will write of national affairs and the other of state affairs. In the new congressional directory just out The Sun is among the newspapers that have special seats in the press gallery of congress. Special Washington items will be signed "Richards," and the state house items will be signed "Hoyt," and while they will deal with all matters of timely interest, marked attention will be given to news that concerns Lowell and its vicinity. It will be recalled that the Washington correspondent of The Sun gave the first local intimation of the agitation for the navigation of the Merrimack from Manchester, N. H., as it affected the recent report of government experts, and all of the articles from Washington and Boston have been of far more interest than the usual routine news service. These special correspondents will continue to give Sun readers the latest in timely and local topics, and they will occasionally emphasize some side issue that, while ignored by the press generally, will have a very special attraction for Lowell readers. The Sun confidently and with pleasure calls the attention of its readers to these very attractive features, knowing that they will repay steady and serious perusal.

FREIGHT EMBARGOES

Instead of having empty freight cars by the thousands standing on the side tracks waiting for business to pick up, our railroads have so many loaded freight cars on their tracks that they do not know what to do with them. To ameliorate conditions a committee representing all trunk line railroads recently met in New York and declared temporary embargoes on many lines of freight. This committee has now announced that a further embargo is necessary in view of the extraordinary freight supply and the lack of transportation facilities, especially at the docks. Two days ago, the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Lehigh Valley railroads declared stringent embargoes on freight destined for New York, and this can be understood when we realize that there are already over 50,000 cars en route for the congested docks and railroad yards of New York. Congestion at many points is unprecedented, and the country is confronted with problems of shipping and freight transportation generally that must be solved if business is not to be injured seriously.

SARAH BERNHARDT

A report that Sarah Bernhardt is dying has been officially denied. It is well. The passing of kings and queens arouses interest and some degree of sorrow the world over but no ruler of the present would leave the void left by the divine Sarah, if the report that she is dying proved true. No actress has so touched the heart of the world in our time and though she is over 70, neither age nor time have dimmed her glory nor removed the glamor of her art. The flaws and weaknesses of the woman have been lost in the romance of the actress, and those who have listened to the voice of gold in her recent American tours or who have marveled at the grace that still lingers around her have seen in spirit the shadowy generations of the departed who have been moved to laughter or tears by her power. Only a few weeks ago she spoke before a Parisian audience as the spirit of the cathedral of Notre Dame, exultant over the destroyers of Rheims, and it is said that she swayed her audience with the olden power. She has been a wonderful woman and the world hopes that she may be spared for kinder years.

A TILT WITH TEDDY

If the prominence of a man may be judged by the space he fills in the public press, Theodore Roosevelt bids fair to be the greatest American. When he does not jump into print with a whoop or a war cry he is dragged in by somebody who is not afraid to stir up trouble. Such a one is Secretary Garrison, who, in a neat tilt with Teddy a day or so ago showed up some of the pretensions and inconsistencies of our most strenuous one. Mr. Garrison, with delicate sarcasm, welcomes the ex-president to the ranks of the apostles of preparedness, and congratulates him on his change of mind since the time he was president. To the discomfiture of Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Garrison referred back to an order of the then President Roosevelt in 1902 by which the cavalry, infantry and artillery of the nation were reduced and limited. If the Teddy out of office is in favor of preparedness and other popular measures which he would like to father, the Teddy of 1902 was in favor of a reduction of the army as the records plainly show.

CHILD WELFARE BILLS.

Our special representative at the state house calls attention to the fact that no fewer than five important child welfare bills have already been presented in the legislature. One provides for the presence of a parent or guardian when a summons is issued against a minor under 17; another prohibits the attendance of minors as spectators at sessions of the criminal court; a third aims at preventing want in families of minors; a fourth provides for the care of children whose parents are found guilty of neglect, and a fifth provides for the institutional care of dependent minors. These bills reflect the spirit of the times in all relating to humanitarian legislation and shows that Massachusetts is still to be reckoned with in movements relating to the happiness of the people. It is to be hoped that these bills will avoid the coddling and false sentimentality that have made of other well meant laws a cloak for juvenile crime and deleterious influence on the growing generation.

U. S. troops at El Paso have been ordered to return any deliberate firing from across the Mexican border. This news will be welcomed at this side and the new order will prove more effective in quelling lawlessness than many ideal speeches such as were heard in the time of watchful waiting. Bandits must be talked to through rifle barrels and cold lead is a powerful incentive to order.

The English say that the troops left the Dardanelles in an orderly manner; the Turks and Germans say they were disorganized. It is not very important, either way. They have left, according to both sides, and that is the real fact.

The kaiser is ill, they say, the disease as given by the Associated Press being "zeitgewebentzuendung." Is this German for slow consumption—of men and munitions?

Captain von Papen has left here for the trenches. He appears glad to be going and Americans are glad that he is gone.

Santa Claus is neutral; all the soldiers were children once.

SEEN AND HEARD

Success isn't in the cards you're dealt; it's the way you play them.

When father has to economize he tells mother to quit buying the articles of food that other members of the family like and he doesn't.

Do not get the idea that a man is a fire eater just because he spouts hot air.

He Surely Couldn't Boast

A squad of recruits were very busy wasting ammunition at the range the other day—at least, that's what the sergeant called it when he spoke frankly to them.

As time passed without a single hit of any kind being scored, his language grew fierce and more picturesque.

"What, missed again!" he roared at one particularly unfortunate recruit. "I don't believe you could hit a furniture van, my man."

"Oh, you needn't crow, sergeant," retorted the rookie promptly. "You yourself missed a train yesterday."

He Paid the Bills

Gertrude was home for the Christmas holidays, and in her honor the old folks were holding a reception. And in their honor she brought forth her new garments.

Picking up a beautiful creation, she held it up before the admiring crowd and said, "Isn't this perfectly scrumptious? Just think, all this silk came from the little insignificant worm."

Her hard-working father looked a moment, his brow furrowed.

"Gertrude," he said, "that is not the way to refer to your father."

He Had a Good Laugh

A member of the New England Commercial Travellers' club tells the story:

The smart travelling man stood on a corner in the little country village at dusk. He was looking for amusement, and the first object that attracted his attention was an overgrown boy, perhaps 15 years of age, riding a horse that might have come out of the ark.

"Hello, sonny!" shouted the salesman. "How long has that horse been dead?"

Quick as a flash the boy replied: "Three days, but you're the first buzzard that has noticed it."

The travelling man moved on to the hotel.

Teachers' Good Wishes

A week or two ago we read in the news columns of The Sun that John J. Mahoney, principal of the state normal school in Broadway, had been presented a beautiful gold watch by the Teachers' association of Cambridge. As assistant superintendent of schools in Cambridge, Mr. Mahoney endeared himself to the teachers of that city as the following poetic presentation, not contained in the original report of the happy occasion, will attest:

TO MR. MAHONEY
(From the teachers of the Cambridge Teachers' club.)

Though Cambridge very much regrets
It all too soon must lose you—
It boasts itself upon the fact
That it was first to choose you.

Our superintendent you assist;
Tho' thus the work was planned,
He who's in charge will not admit
That you're a second hand.

You've rather been his Minute-man—
As leaders always should.
Both you and he, your hours and days,
Have marked for common good.

We've heard your friends—(nor to your friends
Is such a thought confined)—
We've heard them say that you possess
A jewel of a mind.

And some of those who know you best,
Who've oft' your virtues told,
Those do contend, yea, every friend,
That you've a heart of gold.

They find of power no thought of dearth,
We'll say this to your face!
None ever yet has thought to doubt
The good works in your case.

You've often had your hands quite full,
Here's reason more than rhyme:
You've had to keep a watch on us,
To keep us up to time.

So, as you pass beyond our gates,
And as you higher climb,
We feel that we're in duty bound
To hold you up to time.

In future, then, where'er you be,
Whate'er you're called to do
The teachers of old Cambridge
Would keep a watch on you.

So they have sought to find the watch
Which best of works should hold,—
For marking all your future time
Within its case of gold.

The gold for lasting truth shall stand,
For friendship fine and true.
For lasting strength surrounding works,
And for their faith in you.

May all your future hours and days
Through true successes lead,
Where much is wrought for common good.
And friends are friends indeed!

Elizabeth H. Richards,
December 7, 1915.

Night Before Christmas

Many inquiries have been received as to the author of the poem which begins:

"'Twas the night before Christmas
When all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

For the benefit of those interested the following data will be of interest.

The poem is entitled "A Visit From St. Nicholas."

It was written by Clement Clark Moore, a professor of Greek and Hebrew. He was a resident of New York City and the lines were penned for the benefit of his children, in 1822. It was not until the following year that it appeared in print in the Troy, (N. Y.) Sentinel, and its publication was due to a friend who had read the poem and immediately saw its true worth. Other papers, and later magazines, published it and it was illustrated in many ways. It was never copyrighted and the author never received compensation for it.

The production made him famous. It was translated into many languages and has been prominent in many Christmas festivities, although the name of the author seldom appears.

He was a son of a British officer, born in Chelsea, July 15, 1781.

The memory of Clement C. Moore as the author of the famous child's poem has been for many years neglected. He died at his summer home in Newport, July 10, 1863, and his remains were brought to New York. It is said that the body arrived in the city during the draft riots, and was placed temporarily in the vault in St. Luke's church, in Hudson street. From there the body was removed to Trinity cemetery at Riverside Drive and 155th street, Manhattan, where it remained practically unknown.

The Rev. Milo H. Gates, D. D., vicar of the Chapel of the Intercession, is responsible for the revival of interest in the poet of the Yuletide. For many years Dr. Gates has visited the Moore grave, and last year he inaugurated a custom which is sure to become a fitting part of the Christmas celebration.

The children of Dr. Gates' Sunday school gathered last year at the grave of Moore, sang carols and laid a wreath on the grave as a tribute to his memory. This year the simple ceremony will be repeated, and Dr. Gates has planned to further preserve the poet's memory by a memorial window in the new Chapel of the Intercession, which will overlook the grave.

"Moore is the man who really is responsible for the American Christmas," said Dr. Gates, "because he gave us the Christmas legend. No one ever heard of reindeer and St. Nicholas with his pack, until the poem was written, except a few German and Dutch families. He made the legend dramatic, and gave it form. The poem has been translated and is known everywhere. I was once in the northern part of England, in a little village which seemed as far away from America as you could imagine.

"I visited a schol there, and heard the children recite verses. They knew a surprising number of poems by Whittier, Lowell and others, but when they had finished I told the schoolmaster that I knew a poem of Christmas that I didn't believe his children had ever heard. When I told him it was "A Visit from St. Nicholas," he called up his youngest class and they recited it in unison.

"I don't believe there is another poem as widely known," he said. "Last year I announced from the pulpit that we were going to place a wreath on the grave of a man who had written a poem about Christmas. Before I had really finished the announcement, every child in the room was reciting the verses. There were about 800 children present at the grave last year, and Riverside Drive, just above, was crowded with spectators. We shall keep the ceremony as simple as possible.

"The choir boys will take part, and the children will gather. Carols will be sung, and possibly copies of the poem will be given to the children. I hope to have a memorial window in the new Chapel of the Intercession in memory of Moore."

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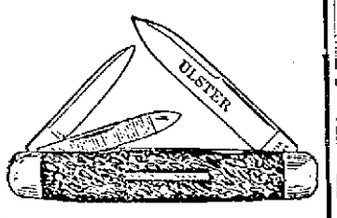

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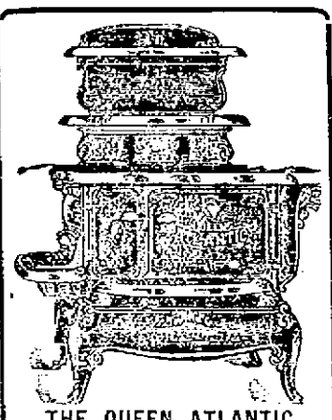

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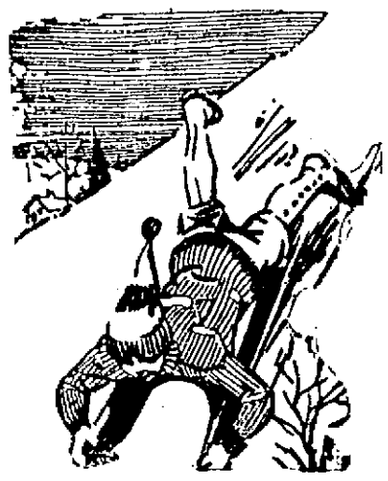

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PRISONERS IN PANIC

HYSTERICAL CRIES FROM 230 IN BRIDGEPORT CELLS DURING FIRE—WORKSHOP DAMAGED

BRIDGEPORT, Dec. 23.—Fire in the workshop of the Fairfield county jail on North avenue caused a small panic among the 230 prisoners last night and did considerable damage to the shop, a three-story brick structure, a wing of the jail.

The prisoners had been locked up for the night, when Jailer Henry Scott heard hysterical shouting from the cells that the jail was on fire. He immediately closed the huge steel doors connecting the shop and the jail and calmed the prisoners.

In the meantime the fire, which had started in an electrically operated machine, spread rapidly to all three floors of the shop. The firemen, by chopping holes in the roof, flooded the building with water and the fire was soon controlled.

Jailer Scott said that after the first excitement the prisoners behaved coolly.

ADOPTS 3 MORE KIDDIES

FORMER BOSTON DOCTOR NOW HAS FAMILY OF NINE CHILDREN—EIGHT FORMER WAIFS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—When Santa Claus glides o'er the roof tops Friday night, he will stop to investigate the capacity of three stockings hanging from the fireplace in 121 East 38th st. He will find the stockings able to hold very little, for their small possessors haven't had the right kind of food, or clothing, or companions. Should it turn out that Santa is only Dr. Charles R. L. Putnam, masquerading in cotton whiskers, it will not at all be necessary to explain who the children are.

Dr. Putnam's little family of children now totals nine. Yesterday he and his wife adopted two little girls and a boy, Emma and May and Arnold, obtaining the decree from Surrogate Fowler. The surname of Pendleton and Bartlett have been replaced by that of Putnam. Emma and May are sisters and will keep their own first names, but Arnold Bartlett hereafter will be Sebastien V. T. Putnam.

The ex-waifs will join the six other adopted children of Dr. Putnam. Emma, May and Sebastien are sickly. That is why Dr. Putnam selected them from the thousands in the children's homes. Like the other children adopted by the Putnams, the two girls and boy have been without the comforts necessary to growing children, but they will be carefully fed on things they should eat and when Christmas is nothing more than a dim memory they will be sent to the other six at North Tisbury, Mass., on Vineyard sound. In the bracing outdoors of the Putnam farm they will be expected to fill out, for the farm's sea air has made little men and women out of the other adopted children.

Eleven years ago, Dr. Putnam, said to be a relative of James Russell Lowell, came here with his wife and son from Boston. Eight years later they adopted twins about a year old. A few months afterward they found Christine Bucale, whose mother had abandoned her at a boarding house. As playmates for little Christine, they adopted Helen Conrad, who had been picked up in the street by a policeman. Soon a boy was chosen as playmate for their own son.

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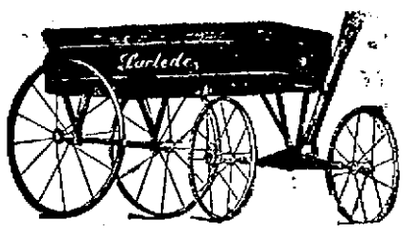

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MUST OBEY TRAFFIC RULE

PEDESTRIANS FACE ARREST IF THEY DODGE IN FRONT OF VEHICLES IN BOSTON STREETS

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—As a result of an amendment to the traffic rules which went into effect yesterday, drivers of vehicles will now have a chance to inform a police officer when some pedestrian dodges across their path, "he should be summoned into court," and they will be within their rights.

Commissioner O'Meara, in a general order last night, issued the following instructions:

"Members of the force will observe that a violation of this rule in common with other traffic rules ranks as a misdemeanor and that there is no authority to arrest without a warrant. Offenders, therefore, may be taken into custody or brought before the courts only when the courts on application grant warrants for arrest or summonses for appearance.

"If the names and addresses of persons offending are known to police officers witnessing the offense, applications will be made in accordance therewith; but if they are not known, such names and addresses as the offenders may furnish on request will be presented to the courts."

The amendment which refers to pedestrians says: "Pedestrians must stop when directed to do so by a police officer." The courts have the authority to impose a fine in cases where this statute is violated.

FOR BEST RAW MILK

STATE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS OFFER OF CUP BY MRS. PUTNAM FOR SHOW IN JANUARY

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The state department of agriculture has accepted the offer of a cup for the best raw milk produced in this state to be awarded at the milk show, Jan. 4 to 6. Mrs. William Lowell Putnam, who offers the cup, makes known her purposes in the following letter to Prof. James O. Jordan of the department:

"I should like to offer at the milk show to be held in Boston, Jan. 4, 5 and 6, a special cup for the best raw milk produced in Massachusetts. As I believe that a perfectly clean and wholesome milk can be produced with ordinary equipment by a man whose methods are clean, and as my desire is to stimulate the production of such milk under such conditions as any farmer can reasonably provide, I desire to exclude from competition all certified milk.

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GRAPE JUICE (30c bot., this sale only)	20c		

LAWYER KILLED TWO

PROMINENT LOUISIANA MAN THEN GAVE HIMSELF UP—SAYS ONE OF VICTIMS RUINED HIS LIFE

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—Robert L. Knox, surveyor of customs for the port of New Orleans and prominent Louisiana attorney, shot and killed Benjamin Foster of Hattiesburg, Miss., a close friend and former business associate, and Alexander Fraenklin, believed to be from Natchitoches, La., in the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad depot here yesterday.

According to witnesses, Knox walked into the crowded waiting room and, without uttering a word, drew a revolver and fired three times. Foster, who was purchasing a ticket, was instantly killed. Fraenklin was struck by the second or third bullet and died 20 minutes later. After the shooting, Knox left the waiting room and surrendered to the police.

Dist.-Atty. Holcomb, who attempted to obtain a statement from Knox, declared that all the prisoner would say was: "He ruined my life." It was said Knox apparently did not know Fraenklin had been killed. Relatives of Knox declare that he was suffering from mental aberration, as he and Foster had been friends for many years and no cause was known for a grievance.

Until three years ago, Knox and Foster had been associated with a law firm in Lake Charles, La. Knox opened a law office in New Orleans and Foster went to Hattiesburg when the firm was dissolved, but the two since had maintained friendly relations.

Local authorities said last night they had learned that Knox recently developed mental trouble.

Fraenklin was 74 years old and was a pauper.

BIG STORM IS COMING

POSSIBILITY OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS—STORM IS DUE TOMORROW

Do your Christmas shopping today, because the weather man declares a storm is on the way, and either snow or rain is due in Lowell tomorrow. Today the weather will be clear, although lower temperatures will prevail.

The storm which the forecaster thinks will hit this section Friday is coming from northern Minnesota, where today snow and rain are reported. It depends considerably upon what temperature conditions develop whether it will be rain or snow when it reaches here, but the chances are even for a white Christmas.

FAMOUS PICTURE MISSING

"Peace," the Property of the French Government Has Mysteriously Disappeared

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Albert Besnard's famous painting symbolizing "Peace," the property of the French government, has mysteriously disappeared from the French line pier in this city, where it was received last Thursday from the steamship Espagne. This announcement was made last night by William Francklyn Paris, trustee of the Museum of French Art, to whom the painting was loaned by the French minister of fine arts, with the object of raising relief funds through its exhibition. It was insured for $20,000.

Mr. Paris said last night an express company admitted the receipt here of the picture under seal, but all trace of the package has been lost since it was unloaded.

KILLED HIMSELF BY HANGING

ROCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 23.—William D. Pinkham, 27 years old, a clerk in a local drug store, killed himself today by hanging. He had been despondent for some time because of poor health.

INDIANA MAY MEET HARVARD

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 23.—It was stated here today that Indiana university will be asked to take one of the two vacant places in the Harvard football schedule for 1916. The dates not yet filled are Oct. 14 and 21.

LEASE AMESBURY FACTORY

S. R. Bailey & Co. to Go Out of Business—The Biddle & Smart Co. Will Take Plant

AMESBURY, Dec. 23.—Col. E. W. M. Bailey, late of the S. R. Bailey & Co., builders of electric automobiles for pleasure, announced yesterday that the massive brick building owned by the firm, the largest factory building in Amesbury, containing 150,000 square feet of floor space, had been leased to the Biddle & Smart company of this town, builders of automobile bodies.

The latter firm employs about 600 hands and will double its employes at once. Col. Bailey has assumed the position of factory manager, Mr. Biddle retains the presidency and financial management, Robert H. Hills, the sales management, under the new arrangement. The affairs of the S. R. Bailey company will be closed up as rapidly as possibly.

CLOTHING TORN OFF

Samuel Ranaldi Badly Bruised When Caught in Gears at West Pittsfield Mill

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 23.—Samuel Ranaldi, an employe in the Tilloison mills at West Pittsfield, was hurt this morning in the dye room while oiling a shafting. The shaft power had been shut off, but was started before Ranaldi finished work and his apron was caught in gears and all of his clothing was torn from his body with the exception of his stockings and shoes. Ranaldi was taken to a hospital for treatment of serious bruises.

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FIVE MEN WHO HAVE DESTINIES OF BASEBALL IN THEIR HANDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Peace in the baseball world by means of elimination of the Federal league and the strengthening of the National and American organizations by the financial backers of the independent circuit is now only a matter of a short time. Here are the present arrangements: Philip J. Ball and Otto Stiefel of the Federal league are to purchase the St. Louis Browns, Charles Weeghman the Chicago Cubs, and Ed. Gwinner of Pittsburgh to acquire the Philadelphia Athletics from Ben Shibe. Harry F. Sinclair, owner of the Newark team of the Federal league, will retire from baseball. Mr. Sinclair endeavored to purchase a controlling interest in the New York Giants, but the price demanded staggered even this man, whose wealth gushes from the ground in distant Oklahoma. The joint committee kept these facts a secret, but they were learned from a source which is considered authoritative. This war was the most costly in the history of baseball. A few clubs made money, but not many. James E. Gaffney of the Boston Braves said recently: "It cost the backers of the Feds more than $3,000,000 to go through this fight. We had no idea of their losses before this meeting, and I may say without reservation that it was the costliest of all baseball wars. Organized baseball was hard hit, too, especially in the minor leagues. But now that peace is assured we look for a record season in 1916. The game will come into its own with a rush and will be played where the fans want it to be played—right out on the diamond." Picture No. 1 shows James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal league; No. 2 Ed Gwinner, head of the Pittsburgh Federal league club; No. 3 Ban Johnson, president of the American league; No. 4, John R. Tener, president of the National league; No. 5, Garry Herrmann, chairman of the national baseball commission.

FEDERAL LEAGUE

Passes Out of Existence With Signing of Peace Treaty—Its History

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Numerous law suits over the claims of players, financial tangles, tempting offers to the stars of organized baseball, and a maze of developments are written on the pages of history of the Federal league, which today passed out of existence.

Chicago men, Chicago capital and two of the well known Chicago ball players were chiefly responsible for making the Federal league.

James A. Gilmore, president of the organization, and Charles H. Weeghman, president of the Chicago club, developed the organization. Joseph Tinker and Mordecai Brown, veterans of the Chicago "Cubs," were the first stars to go to the Federals, and their example brought other players from the forces of organized ball.

The league was formed in 1913 by John T. Powers of Chicago. Six clubs composed the circuit—Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Covington, Ky. When President Gilmore succeeded Powers the Covington club was switched to Kansas City, and the six clubs which wound up the 1913 season furnished the nucleus of the organization which waged war against organized baseball for two years.

The big surprise of the Federals was sprung in December, 1913, when President Gilmore announced the signing of Tinker as manager of the Chicago club and Brown as manager of St. Louis. The league was expanded to include eight cities. Alluring salaries were offered the stars of organized baseball and scores of them joined the invaders.

Men of wealth in Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Brooklyn and other cities were interested in the league and costly ball parks were constructed early in the season of 1914. The season ended with a series for the championship between Indianapolis and Chicago, Indianapolis winning.

Before the start of the 1915 season the Indianapolis franchise was switched to Newark, and Kansas City, after a bitter court fight, retained its club, which league officials had threatened to place in the east.

Last January the league attacked organized baseball as a violator of the Sherman anti-trust law. Suit was filed in the United States district court in Chicago. Judge Landis deferred his decision, and has not handed down an opinion. The suit, according to plans, will be withdrawn.

Overtures for peace started in 1914, but did not progress until the close of last season, which was disastrous to ball clubs in nearly every part of the country.

The peace proposals reached a climax only recently, when the Federal league announced its plan to build a park in New York city and launch a team there next spring.

BROWN ELEVEN ENTERTAINED

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The Brown university football players, en route to Pasadena, Cal., for a game New Year's day with Washington State college, rested here today and were guests of local alumni of the Providence college. This afternoon the team went to Evanston for signal drill on the field of the Northwestern university. The eastern men are to resume their journey this evening.

Saturday, January 1st, is "Quarter Day" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

CANADA GUARDS CAREFULLY WELLAND CANAL; GERMANS ACCUSED OF PLOTTING TO BLOW IT UP

Accused of conspiring to blow up the Welland canal one of the most important of the world's artificial waterways, R. E. Leyendecker and Paul Koenig (left and right respectively in No. 2 in the accompanying picture), were held in heavy bail in New York. Through the Welland canal passes much of the grain and other commondities shipped from the west of Canada to the east. Construction of the Welland canal was begun in 1824, and it was first opened to small vessels in 1833. It extends for a distance of twenty-seven miles in the province of Ontario, Canada, connecting Port Dalhousie on Lake Ontario with Port Colborne on Lake Erie. Its chief importance to Canada lies in the fact that wheat and hides may be shipped direct to Europe from middle western Canada by way of the St. Lawrence river. Before the war the annual tonnage through the canal was approximately 1,300,000 tons.

Its size has been increased three times since it was opened, in 1844, 1882 and 1886, the last excavation increasing the depth of the water on the sills to fourteen feet. It is estimated that the total cost of the canal has been about $27,000,000. The annual tolls are about $220,000. The canal is 100 feet wide. It has twenty-six locks, making a rise of more than 325 feet between the two lakes. The canal is well guarded by the Dominion of Canada military authorities. No. 1 shows a squad of cavalry accompanying a steamboat (shown in the picture) through the canal. No. 3 is the holdup of a man seeking to approach the canal and the production of a milliitary pass by him.

INDUSTRIAL AND STORE NEWS

A meeting of the moulders and coremakers who are on strike at the Saco-Lowell shops was held this morning in Trades & Labor hall with Secretary Charles E. Anderson in the chair. A grist of routine business was transacted and the roll call showed every member present. A number of reports when read were greeted with applause. Following the adjournment of the session Secretary Anderson reported no change in the situation. He said that no overtures have been made by either side.

Carpenters' Union, Local 1610

Carpenters' union, local 1610, held a largely attended meeting in the Runels building headquarters last night. Two applications for membership were received and several committee reports were read. Business agent Michael A. Lee reported business to be very good.

Painters' Union

President George Fifield will call the meeting of Painters' union to order this evening after which the members will proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing term. Several important items will come before the meeting tonight and a number of applications for membership will be acted upon.

New Invention

Among the U. S. patents recently secured through the offices of General Gardner W. Pearson is one to Louis Gingras on a pocket tool holding device.

This is a devise used by workmen to hold such tools as carpenters' rules, pliers for workmen and other similar articles in the pocket. It can be instantly attached and prevents the tool from falling out of the pocket even if the user should stand upon his head.

DEATHS

BURKE—Bridget Burke died today at the Chelmsford street hospital, aged 70 years. The remains were removed to the funeral chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

White chinchilla, cut on long, flowing lines, gives this smart effect. A wide belt and huge white pearl buttons are the only trimming except a standup collar of sealskin, which also bands the tilted sailor with its white velvet crown.

MAJ. ROBERT R. MOTON

NEW HEAD OF TUSKEGEE TRACES ANCESTRY FROM MEMBER OF AFRICAN TRIBE

MAJOR ROBERT R. MOTON

Major Robert R. Moton of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., chosen to succeed Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee institute, the negro industrial school which Dr. Washington founded, traces his ancestry from a member of an African tribe who was captured by a rival chief and sold into slavery to an American in 1735. He was born in 1867 in Amelia county, Va., where his mother was cook and father was a foreman. From the planter's family he received encouragement to educate himself, and when he heard of Hampton, from which Dr. Washington was graduated, he decided to go there. He entered in 1885 and was graduated in 1890. After he had finished at Hampton the negro boy decided to enter the legal profession, but General Armstrong, head of Hampton institute, prevailed upon him to remain at Hampton and help to prepare teachers. He took the position of drillmaster and assistant to the commandant and within a few months was promoted to the rank of commandant. He is associated with many movements for the advancement of his race.

FIRE ON MAIL CAR

BARRINGTON, R. I., Dec. 23.—An examination of an electric mail car of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, which caught fire here last night, disclosed today that 20 of the 27 bags of mail matter were destroyed. Spontaneous combustion in one of the bags is believed by railroad men to have been the cause. The car contained parcel post Christmas packages for Fall River, Newport and surrounding points.

WATER SUPPLY IS LOW

EXPERT CALLED IN TO ASSIST METHUEN WATER DEPARTMENT

METHUEN, Dec. 23.—Expert advice was sought today by Methuen water department officials on account of difficulty encountered in refilling the reservoir which was nearly drained dry Tuesday night, due, it was supposed to the breaking of a hydrant nozzle in a sparsely settled section. It was thought that the normal depth of 20 feet could be restored by pumping all last night but nine feet of water was all that the register showed today, although Lawrence has been supplying the entire Arlington district section since yesterday afternoon. Fearing that there may be another leak which has not been discovered, the town officials summoned a Boston expert to go over the system.

The fire department would be greatly hampered in fighting a fire under present conditions, department officials say.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

2 Days More--Step Lively

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CHILDREN'S FURS REDUCED
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2 DOZEN CHILDREN'S BATHROBES....$1.00

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Hudson Seal, Near Seal, Marmot, Muskrat and Sable Squirrel

75 FUR MUFFS
FOX, NATURAL RACCOON, DYED SKUNK
$15 Value.....$10.00 | $20 Value.....$15.00
EXTRA SPECIAL—50 BLACK MUFFS.....$5.00

$5 SWEATERS, reduced to.....$3.98

$2 MAIDS' DRESSES.....$1.50

20 DOZEN XMAS WAISTS Reduced to.....$2.00

150 CLOTH SUITS
$18.75 to $22.50 Suits.....$13.75
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96 CLOTH COATS
$12.50, $15 and $18.95 Coats,
at $10.75

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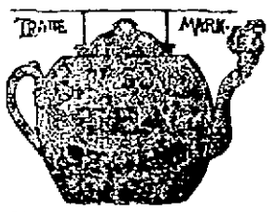

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THE BEST GIFT—DOROTHY DODD SHOES FOR WOMEN

MOST "MURDEROUS" CITY

Memphis Leads World for Homicide Race—New York Law Abiding City—Boston 20th in List

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The most "murderous" city in all the world is Memphis, Tenn., where 63.7 persons out of every 100,000 lose their lives by violence, according to statistics for the decade 1904-1913, prepared by the Spectator, an insurance journal, in an article on the "Homicide record of 1914."

Six other southern cities hold records for "killings" while New York city—Manhattan and the Bronx—with its enormous population, is a peace, law-abiding place, ranking 16th in the 30 registration cities used.

Murder is not only increasing at an alarming rate but statistics show that the predominating method in American murders is by firearms.

A state of lawlessness and indifference to human life is shown in Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Kentucky. The seven principal cities in these sates have the record of leading the 30 American cities used as a registration area for the country.

Boston Stands 20th

The 30 cities arranged in the order of "killings," together with the rate per 100,000 of population, are:

Memphis	63.7	New York	6.1
Charleston, S.C.	52.7	Dayton, O.	5.5
Savannah	28.4	Pittsburgh	5.3
Atlanta	26.0	Providence	5.2
New Orleans	25.3	Boston	4.8
Nashville	24.3	Baltimore	4.6
Louisville	16.6	Brooklyn	4.5
St. Louis	12.9	Philadelphia	4.2
San Francisco	11.8	Buffalo	4.0
Cincinnati	11.0	Minneapolis	3.7
Chicago	9.3	Reading, Pa.	3.5
Seattle	8.1	Rochester, N.Y.	3.3
Spokane	7.8	Hartford, Ct.	3.0
Washington	7.5	Newark, N. J.	3.0
Cleveland	6.1	Milwaukee	2.2

There were 11,981 homicides in the 30 cities for the decade, or an average of 7.9 per 100,000 of population for the whole area.

The figures for 1914 show 1499 murders for the same area, at the rate of 8.6 per 100,000 population, which, if continued for 10 years, would make the total for the decade 1830.

Assuming that the recorded murder death rate for the registration area may be safely applied to the whole country, more than 50,000 human lives have been deliberately sacrificed. The increase in murder in 1914 as compared with the 10 years ending 1913 was most marked on the Pacific coast and in southern states, the latter having always led.

Comparative Figures

The eastern cities show the murder of 4.9 persons of of every 100,000 population for 1904-1913, and 5.1 persons for 1914; the central cities show 8.8 for the decade, and in 1914, 9.4, while the southern cities show 18.2 for the 1904-1913 decade, and 20.4 for the year 1914, and Pacific coast cities show 10, and an increase to 12.8 for 1914.

Among males 62.8 per cent. of the deaths were caused by firearms, and among females 52.2 per cent., while cutting or piercing instruments caused 16.7 per cent. of deaths among males, and among females 12.7 per cent. The mortality was highest between the ages of 25 and 34 years.

The reason for the increase in murder is given as the inadequacy of laws regarding deadly weapons.

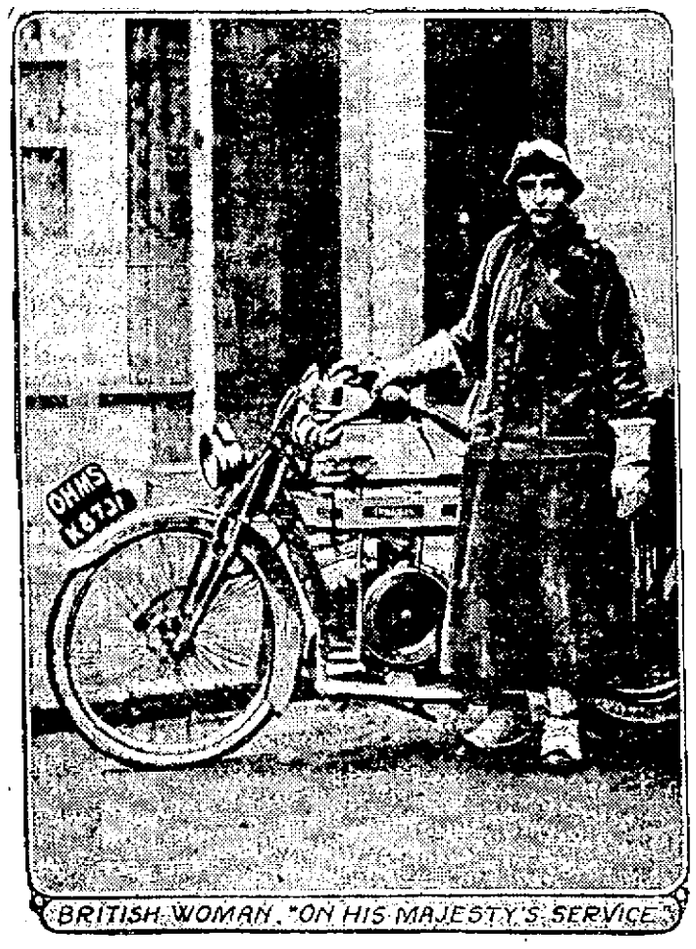
"The means of murder are entirely too convenient," says the Spectator. "The pistol-carrying habit in many sections of the country is an evil of the first importance."

The number of murders in the United States is about 100 for every 13 committed in England and Wales; 30 in Australia, 31 in Prussia and 56 in Italy.

CAPT. IVES MADE COLONEL

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 23.—Captain Ira Ives, U.S.A., retired, president of Norwich university, was last night elected colonel of the Vermont National Guard. He succeeds Col. Herbert T. Johnson of Bradford, who resigned recently. Lieut. Col. Fred B. Thomas of Montpelier was also a candidate for the colonelcy.

"ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE" WOMEN RIDE, TAKING PLACES OF MEN AT FRONT



Women acting as motorcyclists "on his majesty's service," like the young woman in the picture, are common sights nowadays in England, since so many male motorcyclists are at the front. They serve the military authorities as dispatch bearers and in other ways.

Our Jewelry Sale

Of Albertson's stock is still on. Have you chosen any of it for Christmas gifts? We bought this large stock at a big reduction and are selling it the same way. Bracelets of all descriptions for Ladies, Misses and Children. Lockets and Chains, Watches, Rings, etc., etc. Space doesn't permit us to itemize prices. Also sales on all kinds of wearing apparel to suit every member of the family. Most things put up in Christmas boxes. Large size Ladies' Bungalow Aprons will be sold for 15c during this sale

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SECOND ANCONA NOTE

Makes Good Impression at Vienna — Reiterates Demands of Original Note

VIENNA, Dec. 23, via London, 5 p. m. —The new American note regarding the Ancona has made a good impression here.

An early answer may be expected. Work on it already has been begun.

NO ROOM FOR EVASION

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Few of the leading newspapers comment today on the latest American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona.

"The note is quite polite," says the Daily News, in an editorial, "but it leaves no room for evasion. Thus there can no longer be doubt as to the real gravity of the crisis. Left to herself, Austria would probably meet the ultimatum with defiance, but whatever else happens it is certain that Austria cannot and will not be left to herself in this matter.

"The gravity of the situation consists in the fact that a breach with Austria must almost inevitably involve Germany. It may still be possible for Germany to avert the threatened storm by forcing Austria to do public penance, but this can scarcely be done without great damage to the prestige of the central powers.

"From the viewpoint of civilization nothing better could happen than that America should be able without an open breach, to force upon the central powers a public acknowledgment of their violations of the laws of humanity. No sensible man knowing America's great neutral services can desire a rupture between her and the central powers."

TEXT OF NOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The reply of the United States to Austria's note on the destruction of the Italian liner Ancona declares that the official admission by the Austrian admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she had stopped and while passengers still were aboard, alone is sufficient for the American demand for disavowal, reparation and punshiment of the submarine commander.

Sec. Lansing's second note, already probably in the hands of the Austrian foreign minister and made public here yesterday, renews the demands of the United States and says that the details to which Austria alluded in her reply to the first American communication are in no way essential to the discussion. It emphasizes that continuance of good relations between the two countries depends upon the action of the Austrian government. The full text of the note, which is addressed to American Ambassador Penfield, follows:

"The government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Viennana on Dec. 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

On Nov. 15, 1915, Baron Zwiedinek, the charge d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone is, in view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having wilfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea. In view of these admitted circumstances the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report and the number of Americans killed or injured, are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in any case established and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.

The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus wilfully violated by the commander of the sumbarine have been so long and so universally recognized and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them.

The government of the United States therefore finds no other course open to it than to hold the imperial and royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite but respective demands made in its communication of the 6th of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the imperial and royal government to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them.

LONDON PAPER'S COMMENT

LONDON, Dec. 23.—"America clearly has made up her mind there shall be no repetition of the evasion which attended the Lusitania correspondence," says the Westminster Gazette. "By all ordinary precedents Austria is left but one alternative to concessions to the American demands and that is breaking off diplomatic relations."

The Gazette believes it to be probable that Austria will conciliate the United States rather than take an extreme step, as recall of the American ambassador would be an injury to the central powers, whose present disposition it says, is to keep on as good terms as possible with America.

Referring to the last American note to Austria, the Manchester Guardian says:

"This was not the mood of the American despatches to Germany on the sinking of the Lusitania, but there are reasons for the greater severity that is now shown. For Germany, since the sinking of the Lusitania, has promised not to sink passenger steamers without warning and unless they are resisting the right of search. This promise, though made on behalf of Germany, must also be held to bind Austria, the more so as there is some suspicion that the submarine which sank the Ancona may be German.

"The strongest position of the United States was that taken up in the first notes of the sinking of the Lusitania, that submarine war on commerce was necessarily inhumane and in violation of international law. It is a pity the United States ever receded from that position."

The Guardian concludes with the remark that if America carries her present point, the protection of neutrals and non-combatants will be greatly strengthened.

DEATHS

TRAINOR—Mrs. Ellen (Dwyer) Trainor, a well known young woman of North Billerica, died yesterday at her home in Billerica avenue, aged 25 years. She leaves her husband, John; one son, Dennis; a daughter, Margaret; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dwyer; one sister, Mrs. Mary Kemp, and a brother, Frank J. Dwyer. Deceased was an attendant of St. Andrew's church, North Billerica, and a member of the Holy Rosary sodality of that church.

McGRATH—Redmond McGrath, aged 23 years, a well known young resident of this city and a conductor for the Bay State Street Railway Co., died last night at his home, 31 Sargent street. He is survived by a father Redmond; three brothers, Maurice J., Daniel J. and Lawrence F.; two sisters, Julia and Gertrude. He was a member of the Bay State Street Railway employes' union and a prominent member of the Broadway Social and Athletic club.

FUNERAL NOTICES

McGRATH—The funeral of Redmond McGrath will take place Saturday afternoon from his late home, 31 Sargent street. Time to be announced later. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Peter H. Savage in charge.

CLARK—Died in this city, Dec. 21, at her home, 653 Andover street, Mrs. Lily A. Clark, aged 66 years and 9 months. Funeral services will be held at High Street Congregational church on Friday afternoon, Dec. 24, at 2 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck.

WORDEN—Died in this city, Dec. 21st, 1915, at St. John's hospital, Mrs. Elizabeth O. Worden, aged 83 years, 3 months and 11 days. Funeral services will be held at the Edson cemetery chapel on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

TRAINOR—The funeral of Mrs. Ellen (Dwyer) Trainor will take place on Friday morning from her home, Billerica avenue, North Billerica, at 8 o'clock. At St. Andrew's church a funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery, Undertakers J. J. O'Connell & Co. in charge.

JUDGE—The funeral of Mrs. Esther Judge will take place Friday afternoon from the home of her nephew, 762 Gorham street, at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Edson cemetery. Undertakers J. J. O'Connell & Co. are in charge.

FUNERALS

TARJ—The funeral of Joseph Tarj, infant son of Jacob and Tekla Tarj, took place yesterday at 1 o'clock from the rooms of Undertakers Amedee Archambault & Son in Merrimack street. Burial was in the family lot in the St. Casimir cemetery, Pelham, N. H.

GOSS—The funeral of Mrs. Eudora Goss was held at her residence, Trull street, North Tewksbury, yesterday at 9 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Alfred C. Skinner, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church. Burial was in the family lot in the cemetery at Walpole, Mass. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

PARESKY—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Paresky, Lowell's oldest Hebrew resident, took place yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home, 131 Howard street. Relatives and friends in large numbers from this city and Haverhill, Boston, Lawrence and other places were in attendance. Burial was in the Hebrew cemetery, Pelham, N. H., under the direction of Undertakers Archambault & Son.

HARRINGTON—The funeral of Francis Harrington took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late home, 106 Chapel street, and was largely attended. A funeral high mass was celebrated in St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock by Rev. W. George Mullin. The burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. W. George Mullin read the burial services. The bearers were Messrs. Edward, John and Bernard Harrington, Edward Burke, Hugh McQuade and Joseph Galvin. Among the floral tributes were a large cross from the bereaved wife and children, a pillow from the family, and tributes from Kate and Lucy Egan, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McQuade, Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. Burke, Della Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lappin. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Charles H. Molloy.

SKEFFINGTON—The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Skeffington took place this morning from her home, 63 Mt. Grove street at 8.30 o'clock and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends including a number from out of town. The cortege proceeded to St. Columba's church where at 9 o'clock a mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Thomas Buckley. The bearers were Mr. Gately, Frederick Rooney, Cornelius O'Leary, John Pullis, Michael Donaghue, and Robert Ward. At the grave Rev. Fr. Buckley read the committal prayers and the burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

LUTZ—The funeral of Mrs. Albert Lutz took place this morning from her home, 16 Dracut street. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock at St. Jean Baptiste church by Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Augustin Graton, O.M.I., and Rev. C. A. Paquette, O.M.I., as deacon and sub-deacon. The bearers were Ludger and Arthur Bernier, Samuel Gill, Wilbrod Sawyer, Gustave Bousquet and Ernest Trudeau. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. L. A. Nolin, O.M.I. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Amedee Archambault & Son.

Those who are in doubt about choosing a pleasing gift may have their minds set at ease by visiting our store and procuring one of our attractive plants which will bloom all winter.

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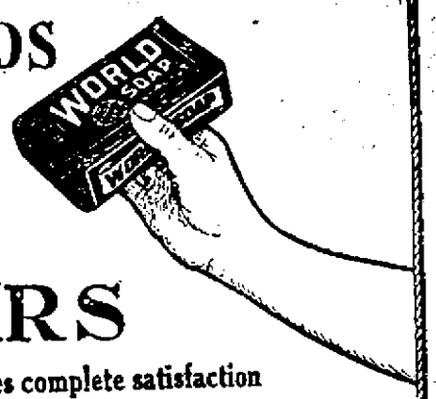

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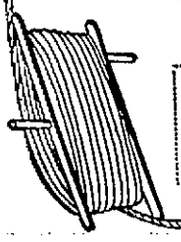

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Last call for changes for the Lowell Directory for 1916. All changes of recent date must be sent at once to Prince's Book store or to the board of health.

Fletcher street has been called the Atlantic avenue of Lowell and it ought to be the first street to be paved next year. It should have been attended to long ago.

Miss Vernona de Cort, for three and a half years office assistant at the Y.W.C.A., leaves tomorrow to accept a position with the Morgan Memorial house in Boston.

A slight fire in the property of the W. H. Bagshaw estate on Warren street caused the telephone alarm shortly before 6 o'clock last evening. The damage was slight.

Dr. Samuel A. Clement of this city has been reappointed house physician and assistant instructor in contagious diseases at the Massachusetts Homeopathic hospital, Boston.

Thomas Mehan, who has been in St. John's hospital suffering from injuries in an accident on the railroad at Chelmsford, has been moved to the state infirmary at Tewksbury.

A very pretty miscellaneous shower was held last night at the home of Miss Alice Bullard of Gilbride terrace in honor of Miss Margaret Hayden who is soon to become the bride of Mr. James Bell, both prominent residents of this city. There were plano selections by Miss Anna Wilson. Those in charge of the affair were Miss Jennie Bartlett, Miss Alice Bullard and Miss Katherine Allen.

WANT FAIRBANKS ON BALLOT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. Dec. 23.—Sixty out of the 92 counties in Indiana have sent in petitions asking that the name of Charles W. Fairbanks be placed on the ballot for the primary next March, for the preferential vote for the republican nomination for president, according to a statement made today by L. W. Henley, secretary of the republican state central committee.

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FINLEY J. SHEPARD, JR.'S STOCKING IS SURE TO BE WELL FILLED

MRS. HELEN GOULD SHEPARD'S ADOPTED SON (WITH NURSE) Photo © by American Press Association

Santa Claus has had no more fortunate youngster on his visiting list this year than young Finley J. Shepard, Jr., the adopted son of Mrs. Helen Gould Shepard and her husband, Finley J. Shepard. The little fellow was photographed as he alighted with his nurse in front of the Fifth avenue home of the Shepards. He is a bright, sturdy lad of five, taken by Mrs. Shepard from an orphanage at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

RICH QUITS BOSTON & MAINE

General Solicitor of the Road Resigns to Enter Private Practice—Solicitorship Will Remain Vacant

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—President James H. Hustis, of the Boston & Maine railroad, yesterday announced that Edgar J. Rich, general solicitor of the road, has resigned the position to enter private practice on Jan. 1.

President Hustis says that the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Rich will not be filled. Charles S. Pierce, he says, will continue as general attorney of the road and later a new position will be established to relieve the president of some of his present responsibilities.

JUDGE SEAY, 83, DEAD

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 23.—Judge A. J. Seay, former territorial governor of Oklahoma, died at his home here last night. He was 83 years of age.

Over 100 Glasgow university women students have joined the army workers in London.

Stock Market Closing Prices Dec. 22

FOR COMPLETE REPORT OF TODAY'S CLOSING PRICES SEE LATER EDITION

NEW YORK MARKET

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Am Beet Sugar	60	69	69
Am Can	61	59⅞	60
Am Can pf	110¾	110¾	110¾
Am Car & Fn	78	77	77¼
Am Hide & L pf	50⅝	50½	50½
Am Locomo	69	68¼	68¼
Am Locomo pf	101½	101⅛	101½
Am Smelt & R	106¼	104⅞	105⅜
Am Smelt & R pf	111⅞	111½	111⅞
Am Sugar Rfn	115⅝	115¼	115¾
Anaconda	89⅝	88¼	89
Atchison	106⅛	105⅞	105⅞
Atchison pf	101½	101⅜	101⅜
Baldwin Loco	117¼	115⅝	116⅛
Balt & Ohio	92¾	92½	92½
Balt & Ohio pf	77⅛	77⅛	77⅛
California Petrol	32⅝	30¾	32¼
do pref	62	60½	61½
Canadian Pa	150⅜	179½	179⅝
Chile	24½	24	24½
Cent Leath	53½	52⅝	52⅝
Ches & Ohio	62	61½	61⅞
Col Fuel	52	50¾	51¾
Consol Gas	145⅞	145⅛	145½
Crucible Steel	73½	72½	72¾
Del & Hud	152	151⅞	152
Del L & W	224	220	224
Dis Secur Co	47⅞	47⅝	47⅝
Erie	41⅞	41¼	41½
Erie 1st pf	56	55½	55⅝
Gen Elec	174⅞	174½	174⅛
Gt North pf	125½	125½	125½
Gt N Ore ctf	48½	48	48⅛
Illinois Cen	107	107	107
Int Paper	12⅞	12	12½
Int Paper	49½	48⅝	48⅝
Kan City So	31¼	31¼	31¼
Lehigh Valley	82	81½	81½
Louis & Nash	128½	128½	128½
Mexican Petroleum	103¾	98¼	102¾
Missouri Pa	4	3¾	4
Nat Lead	65½	64½	65⅜
N Y Air Brake	136¼	136¼	136¼
N Y Central	103¾	103½	103¾
Nor & West	120⅞	120¾	120¾
No Am Co	72	72	72
North Pacific	116½	115⅞	116
Ont & West	30½	30½	30½
Pennsylvania	58¾	58½	58¾
People's Gas	109½	109⅜	109½
Ry St Sp Co	44	41	41
Reading	81⅞	80¾	81⅝
Rep Iron & S	55¾	53⅝	54⅜
Rock Is	16⅞	15⅝	16¾
St L. & So'wn	20	19	20
St L & S'n pf	45	45	45
St. Paul	93¾	93	93½
So Pacific	101¼	100¾	101
Southern Ry	23	23	23
Southern Ry pf	61⅝	61⅜	61⅝
Studebaker	169¾	167¼	168¾
Tenn Copper	60¾	58½	59¾
Third Ave	60	59½	60
Union Pacific	137½	136⅝	136¾
Union Pac pf	83½	83½	83½
U S Rub	55½	54½	54¾
U S Rub pf	110	109⅝	109⅝
U S Steel	86⅝	85¼	86
U S Steel pf	117	116⅞	117
U S Steel 5s	103½	103⅜	103⅜
Utah Copper	80	78½	79½
Westinghouse	69¼	68⅝	68⅞
Western	87	86¾	87

BOSTON MARKET

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Copper shares were more popular during the early hours on the local exchange today. Calumet & Arizona rose 1 1-4 to 69 1-2 and Greene Cananea advanced 1 to 49¾ by noon. Other stocks also were strong.

METAL GROUP FEATURE

BETHLEHEM DROPPED 14 TO 460—OIL SHARE FEATURE OF FINAL HOUR—CLOSING IRREGULAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Such stocks as American Smelting, Mexican Petroleum and metal and war shares continued to monopolize speculative attention on the resumption of trading on the stock exchange today, while rails and similar investment issues were again neglected. Smelting soon rose to 106¼, an overnight gain of 1½ and within a fraction of its highest price since 1908. Copper stocks were stimulated by the rise in Smelting, as well as the price of the metal, and Mercantile Marine pfd., Texas Co., and a few specialties also responded to a moderate demand. There was further active buying of the Anglo-French bonds.

Marine pfd was the active stock of the first hour, but the metal group as a whole overshadowed all other features. Another rise to Copper to 20½ was responsible for the prominence of such semi-active issues as Greene-Cananea, Inspiration, Tennessee, Chino and National Lead at gains of 1½ to 2½ points. Smelting showed the effects of realizing for profits and U. S. Steel was under steady pressure. Oil shares had a slight set back, and leading rails, like Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Reading and Erie, were irregularly lower. Bethlehem Steel, on a single transaction dropped 14 to 460. Bonds were steady.

Publication of the note to Austria was preceded and followed by greater activity and strength in all quarters. Coppers added to previous quotations on reports of enormous sales to foreign interests at as high as 21c.

Oil shares featured the final hour with heavy trading in Mexican Petroleum, which rose 5⅛ to the new record of 103¾. The closing was irregular.

MONEY MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Mercantile paper, 3@3¼. Sterling: Sixty day bills, 4.69; demand, 4.73¼; cables, 4.74. Francs: Demand, 5.83; cables, 5.82. Marks: Demand, 77; cables, 77 1-16. Guilders: Demand, 43¼; cables, 43½. Lires: Demand, 6.56; cables, 6.55. Rubles: Demand, 31¾; cables, 32. Bar silver, 51⅛. Mexican dollars, 42. Government bonds firm; railroad bonds irregular. Time loans easier; sixty days, 2½@2¾; ninety days, 2¾; six months, 3. Call money steady; high 2; low 1¾; ruling rate 2; last loan 2; closing bid 1¾; offered at 2.

BOSTON MARKET

RAILROADS

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Boston Elevated	81½	81½	81½
Boston & Maine	33¼	33	33
N Y & N H	74¾	74	74¾

MINING

Alaska Gold	26	25¾	25⅞
Algomah	2	1¾	1¾
Allouez	60	57¼	60
American zinc	69	67⅝	68¾
Arcadian	10½	10	10¼
Arizona Com	7¾	7⅝	7⅝
Butte & Superior	67¾	66⅞	66¾
Cal & Arizona	70	68¾	70
Cal & Hecla	551	544	551
Chino	54⅛	53⅛	54⅛
Copper Range	59	56½	59
E Butte	16	15½	16
Franklin	9¼	9¼	9¼
Granby	83	81	83
Greene-Cananea	51	49	50⅞
Hancock	16¼	16	16¼
Inspiration	45⅝	44½	45¼
Isle Royale	29	27	29
Kerr Lake	4½	4½	4½
Lake	19⅝	18½	19¼
Mass	12½	11⅝	12½
Mayflower	4	4	4
Miami	34¾	34	34½
Mohawk	93½	89½	93½
Nevada	15¾	15¼	15¾
North Butte	32	31¼	31½
No Lake	2½	2½	2½
Old Dominion	58	57½	58
Osceola	87½	85	87
Quincy	89	86	88
Ray Con	21¾	21	21¾
Santa Fe	3¾	3½	3¾
Shannon	7¾	7¾	7¾
Superior	26¼	25	26¼
Superior & Boston	2½	2¼	2¼
Tamarack	48½	47	48½
Trinity	10⅛	10	10⅛
Tuolumne	34c	34c	34c
U S Smelting	48⅞	48	48¾
U S Smelting pf	49¼	49	49
Utah-Apex	3	3	3
Utah Cons	12⅞	12¼	12⅞
Wolverine	59½	58	59½

TELEPHONE

Am Tel & Tel	128¾	128⅜	128⅜

MISCELLANEOUS

Am Ag Chem Com	70¼	70¼	70¼
Am Woolen pf	96	96	96
Island Creek Coal	50⅛	50⅛	50⅛
Mass Elec	6¾	6	6
Mass Elec pf	35	31	31
Mass Gas	84¾	84½	84¾
Pond Creek	16¾	16¾	16¾
Swift & Co	125¾	125¾	125¾
United Fruit	149⅞	149	149¼
United Sh M	51⅛	51	51

EXCHANGES

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Exchanges, $454,800,403; balances, $34,111,829.

COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Cotton futures opened steady. December offered 11.95; January 11.57; March 12.19; May 12.43; July 12.56; October 12.30.

Cotton futures closed barely steady. December 11.85; January 11.57; March 12.16; May 12.39; July 12.55; October 12.26. Spot steady; middling 12.10.

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MANY NEW INVENTIONS

BOARD OF ORDNANCE AND FORTIFICATIONS FLOODED WITH SUGGESTIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Inventors have been flooding the war department with suggestions since the outbreak of the European war, the board of ordnance and fortifications having reviewed an average of 300 proposals a month, according to its annual report made public today. A new system has been inaugurated under which department heads will pass on these suggestions in the first instance, relieving the board of much useless labor as many of them have no value.

The board is at work, the report shows, on schemes to prevent the erosion of guns, developing new equipment for field artillery, shore control systems, submarine mines and torpedoes, range finders, searchlights, photographic apparatus and many other devices for the army.

It has asked for $300,000 to continue its work.

Among the board's recommendations is the purchase of the Hammond radio-dynamic torpedo patents, for the acquisition and installation of which congress has been asked to appropriate $947,000. During the year the board examined and tested the Krupp field gun caisson designs, which have been found to be in no way superior to American patterns. Another German invention discarded was the Fontana mast, a field artillery observation platform. The board found equipment developed by the ordnance department superior.

Work is proceeding with a device invented by an officer of the coast artillery for controlling submarine mines by sound waves transmitted through the water and also with an apparatus to regulate automatically the depth of mines.

JAPANESE STEAMER SUNK

SADA MARU SENT TO BOTTOM IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN YESTERDAY

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The sinking of the Japanese steamship Sada Maru in the eastern Mediterranean yesterday by a German or Austrian submarine is reported in a despatch from Malta to the Havas agency. Wireless calls for help reached Alexandria, Egypt, and vessels were sent out. Details of the sinking are not known.

Shipping records give no Japanese steamer Sada Maru.

MET BAD MAN IN LOWELL

JOHN WALKER UNFOLDS SAD TALE IN DISTRICT COURT IN LAWRENCE

LAWRENCE, Dec. 22.—Arrested for drunkenness, John Walker, several months here from Glasgow, Scotland, sightseeing as he said, told in district court Tuesday of being relieved of $59 by a friend at 414 Common street. He said he met the friend at Lowell. He was fined $1.

When he left Scotland six months ago he had with him $500, he said. After meeting the man, an apparent comrade, they went to a room on Common street, price 50 cents, where Walker discovered on waking up, his $59 and friend were missing, he stated.

TO BUILD NEW MILL

SHARP MANUFACTURING CO. OF NEW BEDFORD FORCED TO ENLARGE PLANT

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 22.—Plans for the new mill of the Sharp Manufacturing company which were announced today, include buildings which will duplicate the present factory and storehouse, except that No. 2 plant will be 575 feet long. The original main mill was 500 by 134 feet, four stories high.

The capacity of the new factory will be the same as that of the first mill, 100,000 spindles. The Sharp concern started operations in the summer of 1911 with 40,000 spindles.

COUNT ZEPPELIN

Builder of Dirigibles Elected Member of the First Chamber of Wuerttemburg

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says that Count Zeppelin, builder of dirigibles, has been elected a member of the first chamber of Wuerttemburg.

From Yesterday's Late Edition

MAY REMOVE PROPERTY

BUILDING WRECKERS FROM BOSTON LOOKED OVER PROPERTY ON ANNE AND KIRK STREETS

Commissioner Putnam with Inspector Connor of the building department today made a tour of the property on Kirk and Anne streets seized for a high school site. They were accompanied by two representatives of the Boston firm of Swift & McNutt, building wreckers, who will enter into contract for the quick removal of the property. It is not known whether they will pay the city anything or charge for their work. They said that if they should take the job they would like to have Lowell men do the work, but if unable to get men here they would have to bring men from Boston who are accustomed to this particular kind of work which they admit is difficult and dangerous.

They are now tearing down the Hotel Pelham and another big structure in Boston. They admitted that it was a pity to tear down the quarters of the Knights of Columbus in which every equipment is new and up-to-date. But the building must go with the oldest and most worthless structures.

MARRIED IN LOWELL

At the jury waived session of the superior court at Salem before Judge Raymond Monday afternoon the uncontested divorce case of Joseph Derosiers of Lawrence vs. Melanaise Derosiers of Lawrence was heard. He testified that they were married in Lowell, May 23, 1905 and lived together in Lawrence.

She left him shortly after marriage but came back and they lived together until Oct. 15, 1907. They had trouble about her staying out nights and she said, "the next time I go out I will stay," and she left the next day. When he asked her to come back she said, "wait a year"—then when he asked her again, she replied, "not yet." He heard she had gone to British Columbia. Decree for desertion.

LOWELL WOMAN GUARDIAN

At the probate court at Salem before Judge Harmon and Judge Dow with Register Atherton, Viola E. Fall of this city was appointed guardian of Florence W. Fall of Lawrence, a minor.

DENY BERNHARDT ILL

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The report that Sarah Bernhardt is dangerously ill is characterized in a Havas despatch from Paris this evening as unfounded.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

IN MILADY'S BOUDOIR

THE FOOD WE EAT

The food we eat has much to do with the beauty of our features as well as our disposition and grace, without which there can be no true beauty, even though the features are regular and the face without lines or wrinkles. Useful books on food values are quite in demand by Milady who wishes to stay beautiful and anyone with ordinary intelligence can follow the directions as to beauty, diet and profit thereby.

The four tests to which food must be subjected are as follows: The chemical test shows what percentage of each nutritive constituent the food contains, that is how high it is in protein and how much fat and carbohydrates it contains. The physical test shows how much potential energy there is in it. The standard of heat production is the caloric, which means the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one gramme of water one degree centigrade. Therefore, when we speak of caloric value of food we mean the amount of energy liberated. This is a most important point both to brain and muscle workers.

The physiological test means does the food agree with one. How does it behave in the stomach? Is it easily digested and is it easily absorbed? A food difficult to digest had better be omitted, no matter what proportion of proteids it contains or how high it may be in calories. The fourth test is the economical one. Under this head we must decide whether the nutritive elements can be obtained at a proper and reasonable cost.

The chemical and physical test in relation to food would seem to be the most important, and they would be so if the body was exactly what it is often compared to—a machine. We might feed it with a certain substance strong in proteids, but in such a form that the body could neither digest nor absorb them. It is also true, in a measure, that what is good for one person is not good for another as human machines differ so much.

SUED BY LASTERS' UNION

UNITED SHOE WORKERS OF AMERICA CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY—AFTERMATH OF INJUNCTION

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Officers and members of the Lasters' Protective Union of Lynn, which has been temporarily enjoined from maintaining a strike in Lynn upon complaint of the United Shoe Workers of America, have brought a bill in behalf of the union against the United Shoe Workers of America, saying that the members of the United Shoe Workers have entered into a conspiracy to injure, ruin and deprive them of a livelihood.

They further say that the defendants have maliciously notified several shoe manufacturers that they were not members of the defendant association, have induced their discharge and have induced employers from hiring them and have threatened employers that if they continue to employ many of them their business will be injured.

They ask that the United Shoe Workers, their officers and members, be enjoined from doing these things.

FAMOUS PAINTER DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Arthur Hughes, last of the pre-Raphaelite painters, died at Kew yesterday. He was a friend and fellow worker of Sir John Millais, Gabriel Dante Rossetti, William Holman-Hunt, John Ruskin and William Morris.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

LLOYD BINGHAM DEAD

MEMBER OF HENRY FORD'S PEACE PARTY VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA AT CHRISTIANIA

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 22, via London.—Lloyd Bingham, a member of the Ford peace party, died today of pneumonia. He was the husband of Amelia Bingham, the American actress.

ON ARSON CHARGE

Owner and Manager of Waltham Garage Pleaded Not Guilty in Cambridge Today

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 22.—Daniel L. Tiekton, owner, and Charles L. Thomas, general manager of the Auto Bus Co., of Waltham, pleaded not guilty in the superior court here today to indictments that they destroyed the garage of the company by fire on September 21.

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MILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT

Steamer Dorisbrook Left Portland, Me.—Shipped by Belgian Relief Commission

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 22.—With the departure today of the steamer Dorisbrook, five steamers have left this port this fall with more than 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, shipped by the Belgian relief commission. The others were the Millpool, Ellewoutsdijk, Lovstakken and Grangeberg. The wheat was said to be valued at $1.14 a bushel.

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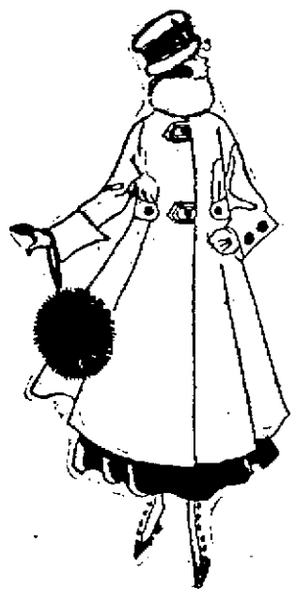

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ASEBALL PEACE

reaty Signed—Baltimore Protest—Jumpers Immune

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 23.—Peace be- veen the warring factions in base- ll was restored when representa- ves of the Federal league and or- anized baseball reached an under- anding and signed an agreement here st night.

After the signing of the peace pact telegram was received from Balti- ore stating that Federal club officials that city would try to upset the greement by requesting Federal udge Landis in Chicago not to dis- olve the anti-trust suit which the ederal league officials brought gainst organized baseball.

President Tener of the National ague, who acted as spokesman for e peace conferees, said they would o ahead with their plans and ask ermission of Judge Landis to with- raw the suit.

Two propositions concerning the In- ernational league were left open for ettlement by the conferees. One of hese was a request by the Buffalo ederal league club that it be consol- lated with the Buffalo International eague club. This was strenuously bjected to by the International eague.

The other question related to the altimore Federal league park. Jack unn of the Richmond, Va., team con- ended that he had a legitimate right o an International league franchise in altimore in the event that peace was eclared, and he sought the right to se the Federal league grounds for his nternational team. However, his fig- res for the grounds and those of the ederal league were so wide apart hat no agreement could be reached. t was finally decided to leave these atters to a committee for settlement. his committee will meet here on Jan. next, the same time as the national ommission holds its annual meeting.

By the terms of the peace pact, Charles Weeghman, who was president of the Chicago Federal league club, s expected to become chief owner of he Chicago National team through he purchase of stock in that club rom Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati. The agreement further provides for he disposal of the St. Louis Americans o Phil Ball and his associates in the St. Louis Federal league club.

All of the players of the Federal eague, including those who jumped heir contracts with the two major and he minor leagues, are eligible to or- ganized baseball. No general distribu- ion of players will be made, but the Federal league, which is to assume all of the contracts of players of that or- ganization, probably will sell the de- sirable men to the highest bidder.

WHITE, ONE PUNCH HERO

BUT HE CLAIMS HE CAN DEFEAT FREDDIE WELSH WITH HIS RIGHT WALLOP

Everyone knows Charlie White's left hook is the best of its kind in the game today and that it is White's chief asset. Yet Charlie comes now to the front with the declaration he will whip Champion Freddie Welsh with a right hand if he ever gets a shot at the championship.

And though most fans may be inclined to think Nate Lewis' boy is chattering through his hat, there is just a chance that his words will come true. For White, in his own way, is a miracle man. Less than three years ago he couldn't punch at all, and was an out-and-out parlor type boxer. Now he is the Dal Hawkins of the lighties—the kayo king of his realm.

If White could change himself completely from a boxer to a puncher, and a wonder at that, isn't it reasonable to believe that he might be able to bring the efficiency of that right hand up to the standard of the noted left? And especially since Welsh has proved that he has a defense for the latter?

White's remarkable punch, which he delivers perfectly—a quick, short hook with a downward snap of the wrist at the instant of landing—doesn't play a big part in his contests with quick, shifty boxers of the Welsh, Mandot, Lewis style. Against this type of fighting machine the Chicagoan usually looks ordinary.

Practically all of his spectacular work has been done in bouts with rugged mixers who are none too fleet of foot. So it was with Matty Baldwin and Milburn Saylor, Gilbert Gallant, Sam Robideau and others—each and every one of whom fell before White's left hook.

Any boxer with a good left hand is hard to hit with a right punch, but just the same White's chances against Welsh would be doubled if he were to develop a right hand to accompany his wonderful southpaw.

Welsh has already proved White has no chance with him over the short route, but in a long test it might be different, considering that White is some six years younger than the champ.

KITTREDGE'S LEAGUE

The battle for first place in Kittredge's league is getting to be exciting. The Suburbans are now holding the premier position, but they are being hard pushed by the Central Five and Dooley's Milkmen. White leads the individual list with Cameron second.

The standing of the teams and individual averages follow:

	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Suburbans	19	5	8324
Central Five	16	8	8412
Dooley's Milkmen	14	10	8305
M. S. I.	12	12	8215
Baldwin A. C.	8	16	8162
Glee Club	3	21	6616

Averages: White 103.7, Cameron 101.3, Hosmer 99.5, Chandler 95.7, Brown 98.5, Pierce 98.5, W. Silcox 98.2, Dyer 98.1, Curtin 97, Paul 96.12, Scott 96.8, Nickerson 95.7, Holland 95.5, Bordeleau 94.7, Montgomery 94.4, S. Silcox 93.14, Keenan 93.11, McNulty 93.6, Dooley 92.9, Prescott 92, Moore 91.6, Mulvey 91.2, Moriarty 90.13, Osterman 90.5.

The high team total record is held by the Suburbans, 1348, and the same team also has rolled the highest team single, 543. Paul, with scores of 134 and 338, holds the individual single and total records.

MAIL HEAVIER THAN EVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The postoffice department received reports today from every section of the United States to the effect that the Christmas mail is heavier than ever before and is being moved without delay.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

TIE IN CITY LEAGUE

KIMBALLS AND CRESCENTS STILL "EVEN STEPHEN" FOR FIRST PLACE

The City Bowling league teams were the attractions on the alleys last night, great interest being taken in the contest for honors in this league. The Kimball System and Crescent quintets are still tied for first place, each team having little or no difficulty in cleaning up four points.

The Kimball System team gave the Carr's a severe trouncing, winning by a margin of nearly 200 pins. Martel of the winning team had a triple of 371, while Flanders put up 352. The Jewels were in good form last night and succeeded in winning three points from the White Ways. Seven of the members of both teams had triples of over 300. The game between the Brunswicks and Crescents was a walkover for the latter team which won every point. Jewett of the winning team was high man. Kittredge's and Bridge St. teams split even.

The Brownies and Pollies' match in the Y.M.C.I. league resulted in each team winning two points.

The scores:

CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Carr's

	1	2	3	T'tls
Lane	93	93	94	280
Wynne	90	64	111	265
Barrows	95	91	104	290
Dwyer	90	103	99	292
O'Brien	92	101	105	298
Totals	460	472	513	1446

The Kimball System

	1	2	3	T'tls
Flanders	133	123	96	352
Myrick	90	119	105	314
Brenann	75	105	85	265
Craib	100	93	137	330
Martel	112	135	124	371
Totals	510	575	547	1632

White Ways

	1	2	3	T'tls
Cole	86	101	121	308
Kittredge	100	106	93	299
Killilae	88	117	95	300
Hall	106	93	103	302
Kempton	95	101	119	315
Totals	475	518	531	1624

Jewels

	1	2	3	T'tls
Farrell	108	119	90	317
Whipple	85	100	109	294
McDermott	97	110	103	310
Jodoin	106	100	110	316
Martin	86	106	100	292
Totals	482	535	512	1529

Brunswicks

	1	2	3	T'tls
Whalen	106	100	102	308
Walsh	85	97	105	287
Mack	82	78	92	252
Dickey	75	84	86	245
Perrin	104	97	91	292
Totals	452	456	476	1384

Crescents

	1	2	3	T'tls
Jewett	111	110	105	326
Concannon	87	107	102	296
Johnson	101	84	93	278
E. P. Donohoe	82	120	93	295
Kelley	91	107	105	303
Totals	472	528	499	1499

Kittredge's

	1	2	3	T'tls
Dooley	86	82	107	275
Moore	101	93	98	292
McCarthy	100	102	107	309
McQuaid	102	103	87	292
Singleton	118	102	94	314
Totals	507	482	493	1482

Bridge Street

	1	2	3	T'tls
Panton	92	90	88	270
Brigham	101	128	100	329
Houston	90	96	91	277
McNeil	90	115	88	293
Devlin	122	105	99	326
Totals	492	534	466	1495

Y.M.C.I. LEAGUE

Brownies

	1	2	3	T'tls
Clark	84	84	113	280
Bebbington	79	79	80	238
T. Doyle	101	102	87	290
Allen	88	80	100	268
Kittredge	95	111	98	304
Totals	447	456	477	1380

Pollies

	1	2	3	T'tls
Lockrie	99	87	108	294
Burns	91	85	81	263
McCaffrey	94	100	93	287
Shea	88	83	99	270
A. Doyle	104	81	87	272
Totals	476	439	471	1386

OTHER GAMES

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Clerks

	1	2	3	T'tls
Mason	83	85	79	247
Bowers	80	93	85	258
Powers	87	90	105	282
Brock	84	76	92	252
Hosmer	96	90	109	295
Totals	430	434	470	1334

B. & M. R. R. Clerks

	1	2	3	T'tls
Carr	80	85	79	244
Donohoe	74	74	87	235
Crowe	80	79	100	259
Walsh	93	79	84	256
Shay	100	109	94	303
Totals	427	424	444	1295

AT Y.M.C.A. GYMNASIUM

DEMONSTRATION OF PHYSICAL TRAINING WORK UNDER DIRECTION OF M. F. FUREY

A splendid demonstration of physical training work was given at the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium last night under the direction of Physical Director M. F. Furey. There was a large attendance and the exhibition of the development during the past three months was surprising to many people. The members of the various classes appeared on the floor, the work of the grammar schools being fully as interesting as that of the seniors.

Among the features of the exhibition were the dumb-bell drill by the students' class, wand exercise by the employed boys and the hygienic drill given by the members of the senior class.

The program was as follows:

Marching boys' classes; free movement exercises, juniors; games, juniors; club drill, juniors; wand exercises, employed boys; gymnasium games, juniors; dumb-bell drill, students; school day antics, students; hygienic drill, seniors; apparatus exercises leaders.

Following the gymnastic program an exhibition of swimming and fancy diving was given in the natatorium which proved to be one of the most interesting events of the evening.

The following program was presented in the pool before a crowd that taxed the seating capacity to the limit.

Junior 20 yard swim: Hart first, Sawyer second, Ryan third. Time, 14 seconds.

Employed boys 40 yard swim: Kittredge first, Whitham second, Buey third. Time, 29 2-5 seconds.

Students 40 yard swim: Dutton first, Washburn second, A. Fletcher third. Time, 26 seconds.

Swimming strokes were demonstrated by Messrs. Dutton, Kittredge, Whitham, Scott, Washburn, Goodrich and A. Fletcher.

At the gymnastic exhibition Miss Rachel Falls played the piano accompaniment for all the exercises.

THE BANTAM SITUATION

SEVERAL BOXERS CLAIM TITLE, BUT JOHNNY ERTLE SEEMS TO HAVE INSIDE TRACK

To that hopelessly clouded atmosphere enveloping the middleweight division is now added an equally murky condition of affairs in the bantamweight situation. This championship is claimed by nearly a dozen boys and most prominent among them is Johnny Ertle of St. Paul, who is conceded to have the best hold on the title by virtue of winning on a foul from Kid Williams in four rounds a few months ago. Ertle is only a little chap, weighing around 112 and 114 pounds, while Williams finds it very difficult to reduce to 118 pounds, so it can be seen. The St. Paul youngster is a legitimate bantam while the ex-boss of this division is a near featherweight.

Then again there is Pal Moore of Memphis, who gave Williams a severe beating not so long ago in an eight round contest at Memphis. Manager Sam Harris, who directs Williams shouted that it was a home town verdict, but he cannot get away from the fact that Moore spilled the Baltimore Kid on the canvas on two occasions and therefore Pal Moore is rated among the topnotch battlers of the bantam class. But if memory serves me right, Al Shubert of New Bedford gave this same Pal Moore all he could handle and then some, so Shubert should be considered as championship quality.

Shubert has been a steady challenger for the bantamweight crown and Kid Williams has ducked out of a meeting with the "Bearcat" on more than one occasion. The Whaling City boy has beaten several men that have given Williams lots of bother, including Louisianna, who dropped the "kid" for the count twice over in Philly in a six round battle, and Al Shubert deserves a chance at the title if any boxer does. Let us hope he is fortunate enough to get a bout with the leading men of this class. Now to get back to Kid Williams. Williams has not boxed very much during the past year and when he did perform, he acted as though he was muscle bound, not like the lithe athlete that defeated Johnny Coulon in three rounds and in his last battle, that with Frankie Burns at New Orleans, he did not get started until the 14th round and barely earned a draw, which the crowd hooted, as they were sure Burns should have received the decision.

Ertle has shown his prowess in New York and the Gotham sporting writers boom him to the skies on the strength of his showings in the bouts he has participated in since coming east. He has won every bout with ease, winning three newspaper decisions and two other bouts by the kayo wallop. And Sam Harris can shout Gabriel toots his tuba that they were "native son" decisions, but it won't alter the fact that his opponents floored Williams with clean punches and Ertle was having the better of the bout until Williams fouled him.

Pete Hartley who fought Joe Azevedo to a draw the other night down in New Bedford has been secured to box Larry Burns at Lawrence Christmas afternoon in the feature number. Hartley and Burns will box at catchweights and as both men are legitimate lightweights neither man will tip the beam over 135. Hartley went in as a substitute against Azevedo and gave a grand account of himself and in the 14th round knocked Azevedo through the ropes, which shows that he can deliver a hard punch, as Azevedo has fougat nearly all the topnotchers, including Ad Wolgast, whom he defeated easily. He has been matched to fight Phil Bloom at Boston next Tuesday, so it can be seen Hartley is a stellar performer. Burns is well known all over New England by his aggressive style and he is a willing worker. Local interest is centered on the Frankie "Young" Walsh-Kid Thomas bout and quite a delegation of Lowell sports have signified their intention of going down river on the holiday to cheer for their favorite.

Joe Azevedo will again show at Boston. The last time the Californian appeared in the Hub he was pitted against Milburn Saylor and he lost a close verdict to the Hoosier lightweight. He will stack up next Tuesday against Phil Bloom of Brooklyn, who gave Johnny Dundee two hard battles recently and has showed marked improvement in every bout. Bloom gave Gilbert Gallant a merry trimming not so long ago over in Brooklyn and his friends expect him to make good against Azevedo.

George LaBlanche, who was mentioned in yesterday's Sun as being the developer of the "Pivot Blow" is a patient at Tewksbury infirmary and outside of a bad foot is feeling fine. LaBlanche sprang into prominence when he knocked out Jack Dempsey, the Nonpareil, by the use of this punch he had perfected and the world was astounded when they heard the great Dempsey was floored by "The Marine" as LaBlanche was called. Dempsey was giving LaBlanche some terrible punishment when suddenly LaBlanche turned his whole body around with his arm outstretched and it landed flush on Dempsey's jaw and it took considerable time before "The Nonpareil" was brought to his senses.

LOWELL TEAM BEATEN

HOLLISTON PUT IT OVER LOCAL FIVE BY A SCORE OF 53 TO 28 AT HOLLISTON

Holliston defeated Lowell last night at the Holliston court by a 53—28 score. The game was fast and interesting despite the one-sided score and Lowell made the opposing team work hard at all times to win. Most of Holliston's baskets came in the last period when McGrath, West and Sullivan ran up a series. Their floor work and shooting in this period was of the whirlwind type. Previous to this time the game belonged to either team.

The three above-mentioned players were recently acquired from the Newport R. I. Naval Reserve team and it was their first game with Holliston. They showed much knowledge of cooperative work all through the game and their passing was masterly.

The Lowell team made the trip to the opposing team's lair without Sam Follansbee and Mulvanity. Hansen filled Mulvanity's place very satisfactorily but Follansbee was greatly missed. The Lowell athletes seemed lost when the ball neared their basket without the Hilly City marvel's wonderful defensive work, and many points were scored as a result of Lowell's inability to get the ball in the danger zone.

Clark was the best point-getter for the local aggregation while Hansen played a fine defensive game. Clark succeeded in caging the ball on three occasions and he was into nearly every scrimmage. Hansen got the jump on his opponent every time, but lack of signals caused the ball to land in the hands of the opposing team frequently. McPherson got the longest shot of the game, a long throw from past the center of the hall.

McGrath, West and Leland corralled 14 points apiece for their team and Sullivan caged the ball twice. Pond did not do any shooting and contented himself with playing a good defensive game in the backfield.

The Lowell team was taken over the road by auto with "Will" Forsythe at the wheel. The team reached Holliston in good season and the trip home was made in record time.

The lineup, score and summary of the game follows:

Lowell — Holliston
Cote lf .... rb Sullivan
Clark rf .... lb Pond
Hansen c .... c McGrath
McPherson lb .... rf West
Lacasse rb .... lf Leland

Summary: Goals by McGrath 7, West 7, Leland 7, Sullivan 2, Clark 3, Hansen 2, McPherson 2, Lacasse 1, Cote 1. Fouls; Lowell 10, Holliston 7. Referee, Gillon. Timer, Simpson. Time: Three periods of 15 minutes each. Attendance, 400.

FOOTBALL CAPTAINS ....

The general belief that a backfield man makes the best captain for a football team is not being followed by the majority of colleges, universities or schools which have already elected their gridiron leaders for next season. A glance at the list of captains already selected for 1916 shows that in 30 out of 52 cases either a lineman or an end has been elected to lead the next season's teams.

The most popular position for the captaincy, however, has proved to be the halfback. End is next in line with 10, and tackle follows closely with 9. Only eight quarterbacks have been chosen for next season, although this position is supposed to be the best for the leadership. Centre, generally conceded to be the poorest place to have a leader stationed, will be filled by six captains in 1916. Five guards and four fullbacks complete the list of captains already elected by the large colleges, as follows:

Harvard, Gilman, tackle.
Pennsylvania, Mathews, tackle.
Yale, Black, guard.
Princeton, Hogg, guard.
Springfield, Sermon, halfback.
Tufts, Westcott, halfback.
Mass. Aggies, Greyson, end.
Trinity, Wooley, tackle.
Holy Cross, Devlin, quarterback.
Williams, La Plante, end.
Amherst, Goodrich, halfback.
Lafayette, Taylor, quarterback.
Chicago, Jackson, tackle.
Minnesota, Boston, end.
Wisconsin, Meyers, end.
West Point, McEwan, centre.
Georgetown, Mahlúm, guard.
Dartmouth, Gerrish, halfback.
Michigan, Maulbetsch, halfback.
Pittsburgh, Peck, centre.
Illinois, Macomber, halfback.
St. Louis, Flug, quarterback.
Mich, Aggies, Henning, end.
New York, Bernstein, fullback.
Rutges, Sparr, quarterback.
Wesleyan, Deetjen, halfback.
Carnegie Tech., Helstrom, centre.
Northwestern, Driscoll, quarterback.
Stevens, Middleton, centre.
Wake Forest, Parker, fullback.
Nebraska, Corey, tackle.
Lombard, Heller, end.
Georgia, Thompson, end.
Baker (Kan.), Stucky, guard.
Kansas Aggies, Barnes, halfback.
Denver, Bingham, tackle.
California, Montgomery, quarterback.
Miami, Baer, tackle.
Creighton, Platz, halfback.
Cincinnati, Altamer, halfback.
Stanford, Braden, centre.
Phillips-Exeter, Breman, tackle.
Gallaudet, Cuscaden, tackle.
Maine, Gorham, fullback.
Hamilton, Drayton, centre.
Union, Rosecrans, halfback.
Bates, DeWever, end.
Vanderbilt, Curry, quarterback.
Haskell, Williams, end.
Villanova, Lynch, centre.

FRANKLIN 57, LAWRENCE 40

FRANKLIN, N. H., Dec. 23.—Franklin defeated Lawrence Military A. A. of Lawrence, Mass, last night, 57 to 40. Allison, Grant and Waite were the stars. The summary:

Franklin — Lawrence
Grant rf .... lb Waite
Allison lf .... rb Barraclough
McDermott c .... c McIntosh
Guay c
Kenney rb .... lf Smith
Hamilton lb .... rf Jacobs

Score: Franklin 57, Lawrence 40. Goals from floor, Allison 11, Grant 7, Kenney 4, Hamilton 2, McDermott 2, Guay, Waite 9, McIntosh 5, Barraclough 3, Smith. Points from fouls, Franklin 3, Lawrence 4. Referee, Barnaby. Scorer, Nadeau. Timer, Turcotte. Time three 15m. periods. Attendance, 500.

SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

NEW JAPANESE LINER YASAKA MARU SENT DOWN IN MEDITERRANEAN—ALL SAVED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, which was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean Tuesday by a submarine, while the steamer was on her way from London to Japan with 120 passengers and a crew of 160 aboard, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report received from Port Said from the agents of the owners. All of those on board the ship, including one American passenger, W. J. Leigh, were saved. The nationality of the submarine is not mentioned by the agents and previous reports referred to the sinking of the ship as done by either an Austrian or a German submersible.

The Yasaka Maru was sunk Tuesday afternoon. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said on Wednesday morning. The company provided hotel accommodations for them and is arranging to forward them to their destinations. On the passenger list were 51 men, 54 women and 15 children, most of whom were British subjects. The agents in their report say further:

"The passengers express great admiration for the skill of the captain and officers and for the discipline of the crew. Perfect order was maintained during the embarkation which was carried out with the greatest promptitude."

W. L. Leigh is an American citizen, born in China. His father was a Californian. Mr. Leigh has spent most of his life in China, but recently has lived in England. He was returning to China on the Yasaka Maru to take a position with a business house. His family is in London. Mrs. Leigh has received a cable message saying her husband is safe.

EXCITEMENT IN TOKIO

TOKIO, Dec. 23.—News of the sinking of the Yasaka Maru reached Tokio today and caused great excitement. The advices received here say the steamship was sunk by a submarine near Port Said.

TRIPLE BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

Notable Anniversary at the Home of Mrs. Robillard on James Street Last Evening

A pretty gathering of friends took place last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Robillard, 16 James street, the occasion being a triple anniversary of birth, the parties interested being Mr. and Mrs. Robillard's two sons, Rosario and Herla, and a brother of Mr. Robillard, L. J. Z. Robillard.

The three were presented each a gold watch. The first presentation was that to Rosario, which was made by the uncle, while Herla's gift, which was donated by his mother, was presented by Undertaker Adelard Bourgeault. The third watch was presented by Dr. G. E. Caisse. Following the presentations a literary and musical program was in order, those taking part being Dr. G. E. Caisse, Z. A. Normandin, Alfred J. Ducharme, E. J. Dupont, and others. A buffet luncheon was served and the guests departed at a seasonable hour after extending their best wishes to the celebrants and the hosts.

LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Bridget McGarvey, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by James E. O'Donnell, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, thirty days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.
James E. O'Donnell, Attorney.
D23-30-J7

HELP WANTED

MEN wanted to shovel coal. Apply Horne Coal Co., 251 Thorndike st.

AN AMERICAN GIRL wanted to give private lessons in English and mathematics with privilege of rooming at same location. Write D 85, this office.

MAN wanted, from 20 to 30 years of age, for store work; must give good references. Address H 79, Sun Office.

HIGH CLASS MEN wanted to sell trees, shrubs, rose vines, berry bushes, bulbs; etc.; good wages; permanent; exclusive territory. Chas. R. Fish & Co., Worcester, Mass.

WANTED
Weavers and finishers. Apply Lyon Carpet Co., West Adams St.

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Apply Labor Dept.,
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FURNISHED ROOMS to let; bath; from $2.50 to $3 per week. Inquire 57 Lawrence st.

WHOLE of third floor in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank building, to let; formerly occupied by John A. Stevens, Engineer.

TENEMENT of 5 rooms to let, water, toilet and gas, $9 per month, rear 712 Gorham st. Inquire Manhattan market.

TENEMENT to let, 3 rooms with gas, $1.50 per week, adults, at 22 Elmwood ave.

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5-ROOM FLAT to let, Nov. 1st; 171 Walker st.; steam heat, open plumbing, electric lights and all modern improvements. Apply Farrell & Conaton, 243 Dutton st.

OFFICE—Large office, 34 by 14 feet on the second floor of the Harrington building, 52 Central st., good light and ventilation, for rent. Will be partitioned off to suit a desirable tenant and will be rented or leased at a very reasonable rent. Apply to Building Manager, 401 Sun Bldg.

LOST AND FOUND

POCKETBOOK containing American and foreign money, lost between Woolworth's Five and Ten cent store and Middlesex st. Return to Joe Jesus, 22 Bradford st. and receive reward.

PAIR OF GLASSES lost, between 6 and 7 a. m., Monday, between Prospect st. and U. S. Cartridge Co. Reward at 5 Davis terrace.

LADY'S WALTHAM WATCH with initials O. S. on cover, lost Sunday morning between White st. and St. Jean Baptiste church or on Moody st. car. Reward if returned to 50 Bolton st.

SOLID GOLD old fashioned pin lost, Monday afternoon; valued for association. Reward. The Marion Studio.

POCKETBOOK lost, containing money, stamps and gold rosary, in Nelson's Dept. store. Reward at Traveler Shoe Store. Tel. 2856-J.

COLLIE DOG lost, name on collar is "Duke Eryes, 119 Belknap st., Dover, N. H." Reward if returned to 130 7th ave.

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AUTOMOBILE livery; comfortable, new, 7-passenger, Studebaker cars for theatre parties, christenings, weddings and out of town. Prices reasonable. All city work, cab rates, day or night; careful driver. J. F. Forgays, 36 Corbett st. Tel. 197-J.

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SELL CHEAP—Wood, $5 cord; fireplace wood, $5.50; small wood, $3; chestnut, $4; apples, 90c; seconds, 60c; one heifer, coming in; one cow. Bessie Gates, phone 33-13, Westford.

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REMOVAL SALE—Now is the time to do your Christmas shopping. A splendid line of watches and jewelry must be sold this week at a big reduction. Waltham, gold-filled bracelet watches, $13 value, cut to $5.75. Waltham, 16 size, $13 value, cut to $6.95. Gold topped gent's knife and gold-filled chain, $3 value, cut to $2. 21-jewel watches cut to $7.25. Removing Jan. 1 to 259 Middlesex st. J. R. Collett, 30 Gorham st.

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TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

Southern Div.

To Boston Lve.	To Boston Arr.	From Boston Lve.	From Boston Arr.
6.38	6.50	2.65	3.38
6.25	7.26	6.00	6.58
6.47	7.30	7.13	8.24
b6.40	7.53	7.50	8.35
6.31	8.00	n8.21	9.34
7.21	8.05	9.00	9.39
s7.23	8.19	9.30	10.08
7.66	8.37	11.30	12.09
8.56	9.37	12.30	1.08
n9.20	10.34	l1.05	1.57
9.36	10.22	2.00	3.10
10.19	11.25	3.00	3.47
10.58	11.40	b3.44	5.00
12.15	1.05	4.00	4.39
1.50	2.30	4.14	5.34
2.30	3.27	5.00	5.39
le3.50	4.10	b5.21	6.34
3.55	4.35	5.33	6.29
4.17	5.25	b5.51	7.10
5.25	6.09	6.14	7.23
5.56	6.30	8.00	8.33
b6.02	7.16	8.30	9.08
6.22	7.03	9.45	10.40
8.15	8.61	10.30	11.38
3.45	10.30	11.40	12.36

Portland Div.

To Boston Lve.	To Boston Arr.	From Boston Lve.	From Boston Arr.
6.55	7.56	[illegible]	[illegible]
n7.54	8.45	9.15	[illegible]
9.40	10.57	10.30	[illegible]
10.68	12.07	11.50	[illegible]
12.05	1.13	[illegible]	[illegible]
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5.16	6.44	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.05	8.15	[illegible]	[illegible]
10.25	11.38		

Sunday Trains

Southern Division

To Boston Lve.	To Boston Arr.	From Boston Lve.	From Boston Arr.
6.47	7.30	8.45	[illegible]
7.21	8.06	9.30	[illegible]
8.25	9.31	11.30	12.09
9.14	10.06	1.00	1.59
10.20	11.17	5.00	[illegible]
2.52	3.35	7.15	[illegible]
5.10	6.00	8.00	[illegible]
6.28	7.10	8.30	9.08
8.15	8.57	9.20	10.16
8.45	9.68	[illegible]	[illegible]
9.45	10.30		

Portland Division

To Boston Lve.	To Boston Arr.	From Boston Lve.	From Boston Arr.
8.20	9.27	8.00	9.18
12.10	1.16	12.00	1.06
3.50	5.06	3.30	4.45
5.45	7.00	5.30	[illegible]
8.35	10.04	8.45	9.47

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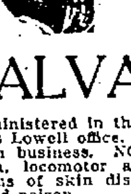

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PROFIT SHARING PLAN

International Harvester Co. to Assist its 30,000 Employes to Become Stockholders

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The International Harvester company today announced a plan to assist its 35,000 employes to become stockholders and sharers in the company's profits.

Under the plan, which becomes effective tomorrow, all employes will have an opportunity to purchase profit sharing certificates in the company, payments for which will be made in monthly instalments from their salaries. These certificates, it is provided, may be converted into stock at three dollars below the market value.

The profit sharing certificates range in denominations from $50 to $1000. To every employe who takes advantage of the offer before March 1, 1916, the company will add to his payment one per cent. of his earnings annually.

Interest will be paid at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on all employes' payments and credits on his profit sharing certificate. In addition to the annual dividends on stock the company also will pay to the employe an extra dividend.

Provision is made for postponement of payments in case of illness or unavoidable layoff.

$150,000 LOSS BY FIRE

One of the Largest Business Blocks At St. John, N. B., Destroyed—Cartridges Exploded

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 23.—Fire last night caused $150,000 damage to one of the largest business blocks in this city occupied by the hardware store of W. H. Thorne & Co. A large number of rifle cartridges on the top floor exploded, but no one was injured.

HIGHEST IN OUR HISTORY

NOVEMBER EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO $331,144,527—YEAR'S TOTAL BILLION AND A HALF AHEAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Foreign trade of the United States in November jumped to the unprecedented total of $500,000,000. A department of commerce statement issued yesterday shows that imports as well as exports broke records for the month. A record of $5,000,000,000 for the past 12 months' exports and imports was set.

November imports were $164,319,169, more by $11,000,000 than the previous November record, made in 1912.

November exports of $331,144,527 were the greatest of any month in the country's history. The best previous month was last October, when exports were $328,030,281.

Twelve months' imports to Nov. 30 aggregated $1,730,243,229, against $1,558,645,027 for the preceding year.

The year's exports were $3,437,202,533, $1,500,000,000 more than the preceding year and nearly $1,000,000,000 more than two years ago.

The great amount of gold pouring into the United States is shown in the statement that $61,000,000 in gold arrived in November. Only $7,000,000 reached this country in November, 1914. Twelve months' imports of gold aggregated $410,650,976, compared with $58,352,035 in 1914. November gold exports were only $3,661,153, against $14,526,482 the preceding November. During the last 12 months gold valued at $19,667,557 left America, as compared with $233,057,525 the year before.

The net inward gold movement for the last 12 months was $390,983,419 against a net outward movement the year before of $174,705,790.

300 WOMEN KILLED

GERMAN POWDER MILL BLOWN UP AT MUENSTER—HEAVY DAMAGE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—According to advices to the Amsterdam Telegraaf, forwarded by Reuter's correspondent, a powder factory and several ammunition depots at Muenster, Westphalia, have been blown up. Great damage was done to the town, the newspaper adds.

Later advices from Amsterdam state that according to accounts received there, 300 of the 600 women employed in the Muenster powder mill were killed.

FIVE MEN ARE ARRESTED

LIQUOR ON TWO AUTO TRUCKS SEIZED IN CLINTON—ONE CHAUFFEUR DRIVES TO COURT

CLINTON, Dec. 23.—Liquor on two auto trucks was seized in the Burditt Hill section yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Sanderson and Thomas Murphy, agent for the Clinton No-License league. The chauffeur of one of the trucks did as requested by Agent Murphy and drove his truck to the district court, where warrants were secured and served on the men on the truck.

Deputy Sanderson boarded the other truck and asked the men in charge to drive to the court. He was asked if he had a warrant for their arrest and when he replied that he had none, he was given a ride for more than a mile until the corner of Main and Water streets was reached, when Sanderson suggested that if the chauffeur would slow down some he would get off and leave them.

The driver slowed up and Sanderson jumped off. He went to the court and got warrants and turned them over to Chief of Police Thomas J. O'Malley. The chief pressed the department auto into service and in a short time had come across the truck and placed the men on it under arrest. They were Presno Ressitti of Fitchburg and Patrick McNally of 79 Front street, Clinton.

On the other truck were Patrick O'Malley of 12 Beacon street, Clinton, Giovanni Sonni of Leominster and Louis Marrano of Leominster. The five were charged with illegally transporting liquors and were bailed out to appear in court this morning.

REPORT DENIED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—In the house of commons this afternoon Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, declined publicly to give the names of the officers relieved from commands in connection with the landing of British troops at Suvla Bay on the Gallipoli peninsula.

It was suggested that the names were public property. Mr. Tennant replied that if this were so an announcement would be more punitive than informative. He denied a report that one of these officers had been cashiered.

KISSING UNDER THE BAN

HELPS SPREAD THE GRIP, SAYS MILWAUKEE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 23.—Kissing is under the ban in the grippe-ridden Milwaukee.

Dr. George C. Ruhland, health commissioner, in a "special to the general public," issued a warning against the unnecessary touching of lips.

With thousands of cases in the city, the health commissioner said that parents should not permit their children to be kissed; that sweethearts should forego the pleasure until at least after the epidemic is over.

"There is no more certain method of spreading the disease than by kissing," said Dr. Ruhland. "The germs of the disease are quickly communicated, when the lips of two persons touch. The public cannot be warned too much against kissing at this time when grippe has such a firm hold as it has in Milwaukee."

LET DEFECTIVE DIE

State's Attorney Refuses to Prosecute Doctor For Not Operating on the Bollinger Baby

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—State's Attorney Maclay Hoyne yesterday refused to prosecute Dr. Harry J. Haiselden for not operating on Baby Bollinger, a defective, in an effort to prolong its life.

JOHN GOLDEN'S DEATH

FINDING ON INQUEST BY JUDGE PICKMAN EXONERATES RAILROAD FROM ALL BLAME

The finding on the inquest into the death of John Golden, aged 38 years, of Albany, N. Y., who was run over and killed by a freight train in the Bleachery yard on Sept. 13, was submitted to Judge Enright of the local police court today. Golden fell under the wheels of the train while attempting to climb the ladder of one of the cars.

The finding concludes as follows: "I find that on Thursday, the thirteenth day of Sept. last past, about half past eleven in the forenoon, that John Golden while attempting to get on one of the cars of the freight train that was being run in the city of Lowell in said county, slipped and fell therefrom and was run over by the train.

"I find that the death of said John Golden was not caused by the criminal negligence of the Boston & Maine railroad, or of its officers, agents or servants."

BIG STEEL MERGER ASSURED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The proposed merger of Cambria Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., and two or three other steel companies is now virtually assured. J. A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown Co., stated today. Present plans indicate the capitalization will be at least $250,000,000, possibly $300,000,000.

BULGARS ENTERING GREECE

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22, via London, 23.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung of Berlin, a copy of which has been received here says that Bulgarian troops are entering Greek territory, but if they are not attacked by Greek troops they will confine their operations to seizing the Salonikl railway.

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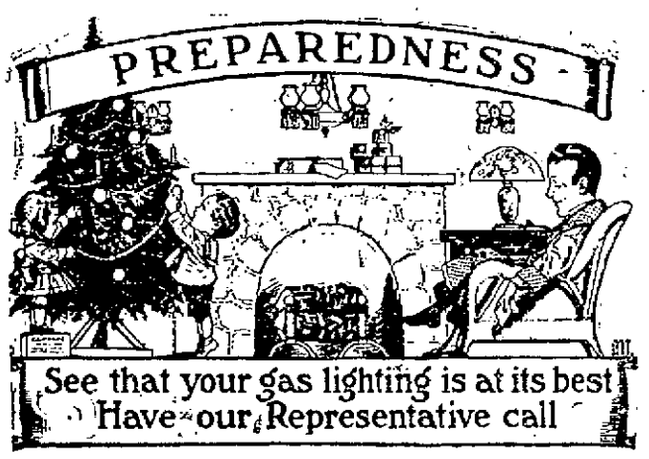

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Men's Pants.....$2.00 to $6.00
Men's Bath Robes.....$3.95 to $10.00
Men's House Coats.....$3.75 to $7.50
Men's Travelling Bags...$5.00 and $6.00
Men's Mufflers.....$1.00 to $3.00
Men's Shirts.....50c to $3.00
Men's Neckwear.....25c to $1.50
Men's Gloves.....25c to $2.00
Men's Collars.....$1.38 per doz.
Men's Handkerchiefs.....5c to $1.00
Men's Hosiery.....12½c to 50c
Fancy Arm Elastics..... 25c
Fancy Suspenders.....25c to $1.00
Men's Sweaters.....$2.00 to $7.50
Men's Hats and Caps.....50c to $4.00

Women's Dept.

Women's Suits reduced in price, $5.00 to $22.50
Women's Coats (Wooltex) $16.50 to $35.00
Women's Coats.....$5.00 to $15.00
Women's Dresses.....$5.95 to $25.00
Women's Raincoats.....$2.95 to $15.00
Women's Bathrobes.....$3.95 and $5.00
Women's Sweaters.....$2.95 to $7.50
Women's Silk Petticoats, $1.98 to $5.00
Women's Cotton Petticoats..50c to $1.00
Women's (Mark Cross) Gloves.....$1.50
Women's Handkerchiefs....50c to $1.50 (Per box of 6)
Women's Silk Stockings.....39c

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Boys' Suits.....$2.95 to $12.00 (With Two Pants)
Boys' Overcoats.....$3.95 to $16.50
Boys' Odd Pants.....50c to $1.50
Boys' Sweaters.....$2.50 to $4.00
Boys' Bathrobes $3.95
Boys' Raincoats $2.75
Boys' Play Suits.....$1.00 and $1.50
Boys' Gloves.....25c to $1.00
Boys' Hats and Caps.....45c to $1.00
Boys' Neckwear 25c
Boys' Stockings.....12½c and 25c
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British Lost 112,921 In Dardanelles

LONG CONFERENCE HELD BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

High School Matter Discussed—Proposition for Big Heating Plant—To Clear Site

There were conferences galore at city hall today, lasting from 11 o'clock in the forenoon till after 2 o'clock in the afternoon. They had to do with the plans for the high school, the removal of buildings to make way for the school, the power plant, and other things, including four of Philippoteaux's war pictures for the Memorial building and a sewer in Pawtucketville.

The first conference was with Orrin W. Griffin, who owns the Philippoteaux war pictures and who would like to sell four of them to the city to be placed in the Memorial building. The price asked is $1000 a picture. Mr. Griffin said the pictures would not cost very much more than mural paintings and that they would prove a big attraction. The pictures represent Civil war scenes and are large enough to cover two walls in that section of the Memorial building where mural paintings were intended. Mr. Putnam was instructed to consult with John L. Cogeshall, a well known artist of this city, as to the value of the pictures and their adaptability to the Memorial building.

Radiators and Boilers

Commissioner Putnam wanted to know about selling the radiators and boilers from houses seized by the city in Kirk and Anne streets. Mr. Putnam said there was very little that he thought the city could use in the public property or other departments.

Abel Campbell appeared before the council and suggested that the razing of the buildings and clearing away of the debris be put up at contract and that bids be called for. He said he represented a company that would be glad to compete.

Mr. Campbell said that a great many of the fixtures had been taken away, presumably by persons vacating the buildings and Mr. Putnam said that was so, but that later on the fixings would be recovered.

Mr. Campbell said that whoever took the buildings down should be made to provide a bond of $15,000 or $20,000 and the company he represents would be willing to compete with all comers. He thought the buildings could be torn down in 50 or 60 working days and that such stipulation could be incorporated in the contract. He thought that the wreckers could get the buildings away so that work on the new high school could be begun in March.

Mr. Campbell told of several large buildings that his company had taken down and said that very recently they had contracted for the taking down of a $3,000,000 building. The company, he said, would prefer to hire Lowell labor. Among the buildings torn down by the company represented by Mr. Campbell was the Hotel Pelham in Boston, the quick disappearance of which was a sort of seven days' wonder in the Hub. The Hotel Pelham was opposite the Touraine.

It was decided to take up Mr. Campbell's proposition at the next meeting of the council.

Mr. McLaughlin Heard

Mr. James McLaughlin, consulting engineer in connection with the high school plans, was called before the council upon suggestion of the mayor who wanted to ascertain the feeling of the council relative to a continuation of Mr. McLaughlin's services.

Mr. Putnam thought Mr. McLaughlin's services should be terminated for the present and that if at any later date Mr. Rourke, the architect whose plans were accepted, asked for assistance the matter could be considered by the council.

The mayor then asked Mr. McLaughlin as to his compensation thus far, the council not having made any previous arrangement or agreement with Mr. McLaughlin as to price and the latter thought he ought to receive $1200.

In reply to a question by Mr. Carmichael as to his own opinion relative to a continuation of his service. Mr. McLaughlin said it was customary to employ an expert with whom the architect could consult. He said it was quite a complex problem and he believed the city would get back more than the amount that would be paid him for his services.

Mr. Carmichael said he would be in favor of retaining Mr. McLaughlin's services and that the city should enter into a contract with him. "I think," said Mr. Carmichael, "that Mr. McLaughlin's services have been eminently satisfactory and I think it would be to the city's interests to continue his employment."

Mr McLaughlin said the proposition was a big one for one man "I do not wish to force my services upon you," said Mr McLaughlin, "but you have

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AFTER FED PLAYERS

BIDS MADE BY MAJORS FOR 40 OF 81 MEN UNDER CONTRACT

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—There are 81 players under contract to clubs which were members of the Federal league, and already bids for 40 of them have been made by American and National league clubs, according to James A. Gilmore and Charles Weeghman, who returned today from the peace meeting in Cincinnati. The Federal league owners expect to have to carry a comparatively few contracts, as it is almost certain, Mr. Gilmore said, that the high salaried better known players will be taken over by their late rivals.

Minor league clubs which have claims on players who left their ranks for the Federals will be given opportunity to buy the men who fail to find places in the majors, according to Mr. Gilmore.

So far as is known no deals or players have been arranged yet, and reports that Kauff, Magee and others had been awarded to one team or another were denied.

Mr. Weeghman insisted today that he would buy the Cubs and move them to the North Side, despite stories here and elsewhere that there was a hitch in the deal. He confirmed a story that his agreement with Charles P. Taft, providing for his purchase of the major portion of the stock, extended indefinitely, or until peace was agreed to.

Manager Tinker, who is in a hospital here, was informed over the telephone of the successful termination of the peace meeting, and of the announcement that he would be manager of the combined Whales and Cubs. He was not permitted, however, to discuss his plans.

REDS BUY MOSELEY

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 23.—The purchase of Pitcher Moseley by the Cincinnati National league club from Harry Sinclair of the Newark Federals was announced here today. Moseley was formerly with the Boston American league club, going from there to the Federals.

STILL AFTER CLEVELAND

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—It was stated by Federal league men who conferred here today that the reorganization of the St. Louies Americans will be left to Fielder Jones, now manager of the St. Louis Federals; that the Newark Federals park has been leased by Sinclair to a holding company composed of National and American league directors, and that Ed. Gwinner, owner of the Pittsburgh Federals, is still negotiating for the Cleveland Americans.

Next year there will be no such thing as a player limit in baseball," said Mr. Sinclair. "The Chicago Nationals are privileged to carry 50 players and the same thing will be true of the St. Louis Americans."

OIL STOVE EXPLODED

FIRE IN CENTRAL STREET LODGING HOUSE LAST NIGHT—BOX 228 SOUNDED

Fire caused by an oil stove explosion gutted a room in a lodging house at 228 Central street about 10 o'clock last evening. One of the tenants lighted the stove to warm the room after the arrival of the occupant, Mrs. Lottie Alix, who returns from the U. S. Cartridge shop at 10:30. She left the stove and a moment later the room was a mass of flames. An alarm from box 228, corner of George and Warren streets, summoned the department and the blaze was checked. The property is owned by Peter Donohoe and the lodging house is conducted by Mrs. Mary Morin.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

PEAK TAKEN BY FRENCH HAS BEEN RECAPTURED

Much Disputed Summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf Again in German Hands—New Japanese Liner Sunk Without Warning—Dardanelles Expedition Cost British 112,921 Men—Martial Law in Greece Near

The much disputed summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf in the Vosges is again in German hands, according to Berlin. It is announced by the war office that the peak, taken by the French on Tuesday, was recaptured by a landwehr regiment, the French defenders of the position suffering heavily and losing more than 1500 men taken prisoner.

The French official statement of today declared that there was no change in the situation on the left of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, where the Germans were counter-attacking, while progress had been made during the day yesterday by the French right.

Japanese Liner Sunk

The Japanese liner Yasaka Maru was sunk by a submarine without warning, according to reports from her agents. The vessel went down in the Mediterranean while bound from London to Japan with 120 passengers, one of them an American, all of whom were saved.

British Losses in Dardanelles

The Dardanelles expedition has cost the British 112,921 men, these being the official figures of casualties up to Dec. 11. Of this number 1609 officers and 23,670 men were killed.

On Gallipoli Peninsula

Constantinople records only artillery actions and bombing encounters on the Gallipoli peninsula instead of the intense activity that preceded the allied retirement from Suvla and Anzac zones.

Teutons Advance on Saloniki

An Athens correspondent says it is expected there that the Teutonic forces concentrated at Gievgeli in southeastern Serbia, will begin their advance toward Saloniki before the week is over.

Deny Russians at Varna

Petrograd advices contradict the reports of the landing of Russian troops at Varna, on the Bulgarian Black sea coast. There was only a brush with the coast batteries there by warships pursuing a Bulgarian torpedoboat, it is declared.

PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW IS REPORTED TO BE IMMINENT

LONDON, Dec. 23, 12:16 p. m.—Proclamation of martial law in Greece is reported unofficially to be imminent. Although no confirmation of this report is available, there is evidence of growing uneasiness at Athens over the possibility that Bulgarian troops will cross the border.

The only thing which has occurred to relieve the situation is the announcement that the Bulgarian officer in command of the force which clashed with the Greeks in Epirus has been punished and that the incident is considered closed.

New Japanese Liner Sunk

Recrudescence of submarine activity in the near east is signalized in a startling manner by the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. Apparently there was no loss of life but, according to marine insurance men, the property loss was the heaviest incurred in any marine disaster of the war. The nature of the valuable cargo remains undisclosed.

Bombardment of Varna

The mystery of the bombardment of Varna, which was at first depicted as a formidable Russian attack on the chief Bulgarian port, has stirred London, but according to reports from both sides it was nothing more than a minor naval action among torpedo boats, in which the shore batteries participated. However, a large Russian fleet is said to be in the vicinity of Varna and the action may be merely the preliminary to a serious Russian attack.

At Hartmanns-Weilerkopf

Hartmanns-Weilerkopf is once more an object of contention. Possession of the summit of this mountain has been disputed so closely by military forces, as well as by those who officially record their movements, that an Associated Press correspondent was called upon last April to decide the relative positions of the opposing sides. In the present instance the French assert they have expelled the Germans from their highest trenches. The Germans admit retirement from the summit, which they assert they had occupied since April. The French claim they have not only advanced their positions substantially, notwithstanding the fact that the Germans succeeded in reoccupying some of the lost trenches, but have forestalled in a measure an offensive which the Germans had been preparing in the Vosges.

FEATURES OF LAST NIGHT'S WAR NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Sharp artillery combats on the British front in the west.

Berlin claims Germans have regained part of ground on mountain in Alsace recently taken by the French.

Fort Por on Tyrol front attacked by Italian artillery and aeroplanes.

House of commons votes without division to increase British army to 4,000,000 men.

Three hundred women workers in German powder mill killed by explosion, as reported from Holland.

SENTENCES COMMUTED

MEN IMPLICATED IN CHICAGO POLICE GRAFT INQUIRY PARDONED

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 23.—The sentences of Christian Paul (Barney) Bertsche and Charles P. Crane, alias James Ryan, whose testimony played a prominent part in the recent Chicago police graft investigation were commuted today by Gov. Dunne, acting on the recommendation of the state board of pardons.

Testimony by Bertsche corroborated by Ryan that Bertsche had been go-between in the bribing of police to protect clairvoyant swindlers resulted in the conviction of John J. Halpin, former chief of detectives of Chicago.

WOMAN DRANK POISON

Georgiana Contakon is in a serious condition at the Lowell hospital as a result of swallowing some poison at 571 Market street late yesterday afternoon. It is said that the woman yesterday afternoon purchased the poison in tablet form and upon her return home mixed it and drank it. At first she refused to go to the hospital, but was ordered removed by the police.

CITY PLANNING BOARD

The meeting of the planning board scheduled for Monday has been postponed until the latter part of the week. The postponement was asked for by one of the members, Mr. Walter Bowers, who was called to Maine to attend a funeral.

LARGEST IN HISTORY

INCREASE OF $1,986,346 IN EARNINGS OF SOUTHERN RY. CO. IN MONTH

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The enormous increase of $1,986,346 in net earnings reported today by the Southern Railway Co. for the month of November is the largest gain for any one month in the company's history.

CURTAIL RAILWAY SERVICE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—One effect of the war is seen in the announcement of the drastic curtailment of railway passenger service on all Scottish roads, beginning on January 1. The number of trains in the day time will be reduced, and after 9 p. m. passenger traffic will be virtually suspended. The curtailment is necessitated by "depleted staffs and shortage of engine power."

GERMAN GENERAL DEAD

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23, via London. —The death of the German general Karl Jung at Thiancourt, France, is announced by the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin. Death was due to apoplexy.

Gen. Jung for a time was governor of East Flanders.

SUICIDE BY SHOOTING

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Leon St. John, 24, whose home is in North Adams, Mass., committed suicide at a boarding house here today by shooting. St. John is said to have been despondent over financial difficulties.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKES

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Dec. 23.—There have been 20 severe earthquakes in Guatemala in the last few days. No serious damage has been reported.

INDICTED FOR PLOT TO BLOW UP WELLAND CANAL

Koenig and Leyendecker Charged With Plot to Set Up Military Enterprise Against Canada

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Indictments were returned today charging Paul Koenig, chief detective of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, dealer in antiques, with conspiring to dynamite the Welland canal. Edmund Justice, a Hamburg-American line watchman, was also indicted with Koenig on charges of conspiring to secure military information for the German government.

The indictments against Koenig and Leyendecker charge them with conspiring to "set on foot in the United States a military enterprise against the Dominion of Canada." The indictments set forth that a part of this alleged conspiracy was to destroy with dynamite, or other means, the Welland canal leading from Port Colborne, on Lake Erie, to Port Dalhousie, on Lake Ontario.

As a part of the plot to destroy the canal, the indictments allege, Koenig and Leyendecker planned to secure employment for their agents in various factories and mills adjacent to the canal.

Various Plants Marked

The military force, which the indictments charge Koenig and Leyendecker planned to send from this country, was also intended to destroy "various plants and properties in Canada other than the Welland canal."

Koenig and Justice are charged in the indictments with having conspired in the United States to secure for the German government information regarding the character and quantity of munitions and other war materials being sent from Canada to Great Britain.

Information for Germany

In this connection, it is charged that Justice made trips to Portland, Me., Burlington, Vt., and Quebec, Canada, during September, 1914, and that all of these trips were a part of the conspiracy to secure military information for the German government.

Koenig, in his various activities, is alleged to have been known under the aliases of Wagner, Wegenkamp, Kelley, Winter and Perkins, while Leyendecker was known as Z. D. Decker and R. Decker.

Penalty for Charges

The indictments charge that on several of his trips Justice was accompanied by Frederick Metzler, Koenig's stenographer, who was recently arrested and who appeared before the federal grand jury which returned the indictments today.

The maximum penalty for the charges is three years' imprisonment and $3000 fine.

ADMITS BUYING POTASH

Max Breitung Says He Purchased 300 Pounds of Chlorate of Potash For Lieut. Fay

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Max Breitung, under indictment with Robert Fay, Dr. Herbert Kienzle, Walter Scholz and Paul Daeche on charges of conspiring to blow up munition ships leaving this country, today admitted through his attorney, John B. Stanchfield, that he bought 350 pounds of chlorate of potash for Fay. The admission was made when Mr. Stanchfield moved for a separate trial for Breitung.

Breitung purchased the potash, one of the chief components in certain forms of explosives at Fay's request, Mr. Stanchfield said, and in so doing acted in good faith and was entirely innocent of any plan to destroy ships. Decision on the motion was put over until January 3, when decisions on similar motions by two of the other defendants will be rendered.

William McCulley, whose name was first given as Robert McCauley and who was taken to police headquarters at the request of department of justice officials investigating the plot to dynamite the Welland canal, was released today after having been questioned by federal officials. Although McCulley admitted having for five years known Paul Koenig, chief of the Hamburg-American line detectives and accused by the government of having formulated the Welland canal plot, and having recently been employed as a "trailer," federal officials said there was nothing to warrant holding the man.

CARRANZA SUSPENDS DECREE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Facing official foreign protests, Gen. Carranza has temporarily suspended his decree requiring banks in Mexico City to redeem their notes in gold, according to advices received today by the state department. The suspension is effective until Carranza reaches Queretaro, an indefinite date.

The ultimate establishment of a central bank, authorized to issue currency patterned somewhat after the ideas of the Aldrich commission is what Carranza is believed to contemplate.

WILSONS PLAY GOLF

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 23.—The president and Mrs. Wilson made their first appearance on the golf links today. Other players were on the course, and with these the president and his wife chatted during the round.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

A miscellaneous shower was tendered Miss K. Bushnell at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McSorley, 333 Wentworth avenue. She was the recipient of many beautiful and costly gifts. A musical program was enjoyed during the evening. It included piano solos by Florence Conley, Helena McGowan and Marion Ryan; violin solos by Madeline Sullivan, and vocal selections by Mrs. A. Kelley and Mrs. Rowlandson, and recitations by Mildred McGowan and Hattie O'Hearn. After the musical program a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess.

The party broke up at a late hour wishing Miss Bushnell the best of luck in the future.

TRAIN WRECKER JAILED

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 23.—Sebastian Lagana pleaded guilty in the superior court today to complicity in the wrecking of a New York, New Haven & Hartford passenger train at Manomas in August, 1911, and was sentenced to from one to two years in state prison.

In the wreck some 50 persons were injured, one fatally.

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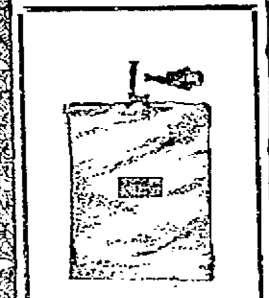

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FRENCH REPLY DELAYED

NO ANSWER TO U. S. PROTEST TILL REPORT IS RECEIVED FROM COMMANDER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Ambassador Sharp at Paris today notified the state department that France would not reply to the American note protesting against the removal of Germans and Austrians from American vessels on the high seas by the French cruiser Descartes until the commander of the warship had reported. The French government is endeavoring to secure a report from the commander.

TURKISH WAR REPORT

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 22, via London, Dec. 23.—The Turkish war office tonight gave out the following statement:

"Along the entire northern front our troops are approaching the barbed wire entanglements of the enemy trenches.

"On the Dardanelles front near Seddul Bahr there have been temporarily artillery and bombing encounters. Our artillery on the Anatolian coast straits successfully bombarded Mortoliman and the landing places at Tekke Burnu. Near Mortoliman we sunk two small boats and near Tekke a small ammunition vessel. In one sector cleared of the enemy we found provisions of all kinds sufficient for an army corps for a long time, 1,000,000 sand bags, some thousands of tents, 500 blankets, 400 stretchers, one mortar near Aghimo Dere, and many mortar bombs hidden in the ground.

"On the Irak front (in Mesopotamia) near Kut-el-Amara, our artillery sunk two enemy monitors and caused an explosion on board another by a direct hit.

"On the Caucasus front an enemy attack in the neighborhood of Id (in Turkish Armenia) on Dec. 20, cost him eight officers and 300 men while our losses amounted to only one-third of this number.

"In a magazine on the Golden Horn a quantity of dynamite exploded. Five soldiers and ten civilians were killed and a number of civilians were wounded. One house was burned."

FRENCH WAR REPORT

PARIS, Dec. 23—The following communication was given out at the war office this afternoon:

"The night was relatively calm over the whole front. To the south of Arras, in the vicinity of Beaurains, our artillery kept up its destructive fire against the positions of the enemy. In Champagne there was fighting at close quarters and with hand grenades to the east of Navarin farm and in the sector of Hill 193.

"In the Vosges, at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, the situation is unchanged on our left, where the counter attacks of the enemy are proceeding. Our right continued to make progress yesterday."

COMMANDEERED BY BRITISH

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The Allan line steamer Bohemian which left here last Friday has been commandeered by the British government admiralty for transport service, it was learned last night. The liner is due at Liverpool next Monday. It was also learned that the Cornishman recently in the Portland service had been taken over by the government.

DENY TURKS ADVANCING

LONDON, Dec. 23.—On being questioned in regard to the recent Turkish official statement to the effect, that, after successful fighting Turkish troops were advancing on the British port of Aden, in southern Arabia, J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India said in the house of commons today that there had been no material change at Aden for the last two months.

"On Dec. 20, there was a skirmish between our cavalry scouts and an enemy patrol," he continued. "The enemy lost nine killed and one prisoner. Our casualties were one wounded."

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NEW BUILDING NEEDED

SECRETARY LANSING AGAIN URGES ERECTION OF BUILDING FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The need of a new building to accommodate the growing needs of the state department, now mainly housed in the southern wing of the state, war and navy building, is again urged upon congress in a memorandum submitted by Secretary Lansing.

"The department," Secretary Lansing says, "has for some years outgrown its present quarters and has had to house in outlying buildings several of its most important bureaus, every one of which has been vitally affected by conditions arising from the European war. Their quarters are inadequate and inconvenient. One of these annexes is a private building, overcrowded with clerks and overloaded with valuable records subject to total loss in case of fire.

"While congress has provided preliminary plans and a site for a much needed new building for the department, no progress has been made towards its erection, nor is any immediate progress in apparent contemplation. It seems necessary, therefore, to invoke private enterprise to relieve the department's present deplorable lack of proper accommodation. It is believed that private capital may be sufficiently interested to construct a building adequately adapted to the department needs in close proximity to the state, war and navy building, if authority be given the secretary of state to enter into a five or ten year lease at a reasonable annual rental."

CHESS TOURNAMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—With victories over Princeton and Yale to their credit as the result of the play yesterday, the chess teams of Columbia and Harvard, old rivals for college supremacy, today met in the second round of the 24th annual intercollegiate championship tournament. At the start of today's match Harvard had a half point lead because of Yale's defeat by 3 1-2 to 1-2, while Columbia won by 3 to 1 against Princeton. An hour later Columbia led Harvard by half a point, H. E. [illegible] Leeds, Columbia, defeating A. S. Hellenberger, Harvard, in 17 moves. The matches on the other seven boards at that time were even.

POLICE CLOSE SALOONS

Chief Bowen of Portland Refuses to Tell Reason For Action—Bars May Be Closed Until After the Holidays

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 23.—Portland is a dry city. Yesterday afternoon Chief of Police Bowen ordered all the saloons to close.

Chief Bowen declined to be interviewed or to say if he had received orders from Mayor Chapman, but the lights in the saloons were [illegible] in the so-called "liquor belt" last night. Some think the chief will keep the bars closed until after the holidays and others are of the opinion that a new era of strict enforcement has been inaugurated.

HOUSE TO EXPEDITE WORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—[illegible] out plans to expedite the conservation measures, the house public lands committee next [illegible] will begin consideration of the bill authorizing the development of coal and [illegible] mineral lands, oil, gas, phosphates, potassium and sodium when found in the public lands. The committee plans to put through the house as in the last congress, though it failed in the senate, this measure, the water power bill, and the bill for 640 acre homesteads which is to follow next week. All of these measures are to be on the house calendar when congress reconvenes Jan 4.

HOLLY CLUB CONCERT AND DANCE

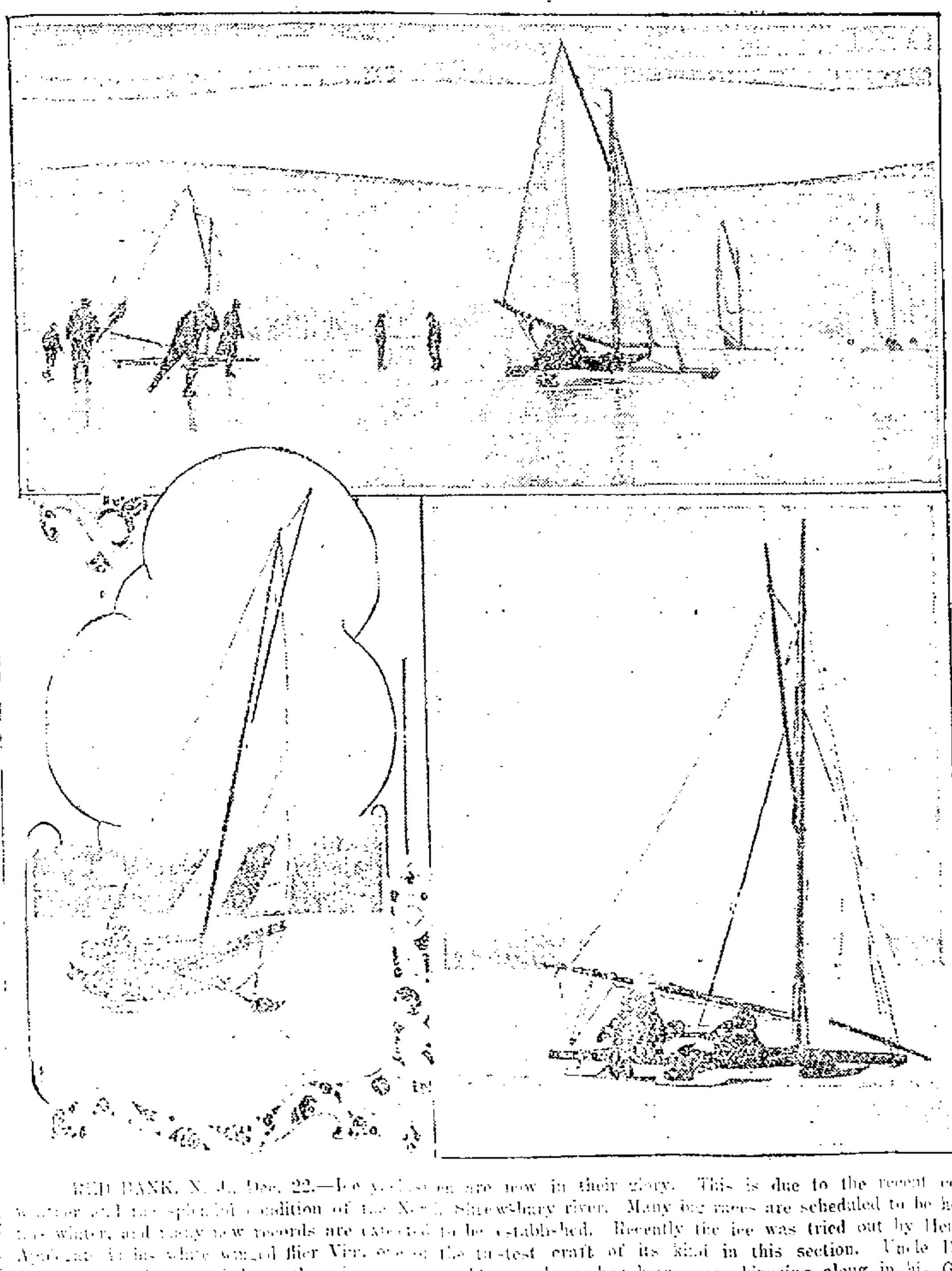
One could find no more pleasurable way to spend his Christmas eve than at Associate hall, enjoying the concert and dance which will be given there by the Holly club. The concert will be most entertaining and well worth attending, while the dance which will follow this concert will be most enjoyable. Miner's excellent orchestra will furnish the music and all are assured of a fine time. If you are seeking to entertain out-of-town friends, bring them to Associate hall tomorrow evening and then you will be sure that they will enjoy the evening thoroughly.

BULGARIAN REPORT OF BATTLE

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—(By wireless to Sayville)—What is apparently the Bulgarian version of the recent naval encounter off Varna, on the Black sea coast, which was followed by reports that the Russians were landing troops there, is contained in a Sofia despatch given out by the Overseas News agency as follows:

"Four Russian torpedo boat destroyers approached a Bulgarian torpedo boat and attacked her. The torpedo boat answered the Russian fire and Bulgarian coast batteries also took part in the engagement. The destroyers shortly withdrew. The torpedo boat was not damaged."

ICE YACHTSMEN ON FAMOUS SHREWSBURY RIVER COURSE READY TO ANNIHILATE OLD RECORDS



RED BANK, N. J., Dec. 22.—Ice yachtsmen are now in their glory. This is due to the recent cold weather and the splendid condition of the North Shrewsbury river. Many ice races are scheduled to be held this winter, and many new records are expected to be established. Recently the ice was tried out by Henry Applegate in his white winged flier Vim, one of the fastest craft of its kind in this section. Uncle Dan Avery, generally regarded as the pioneer ice yachtsman here, has been seen skimming along in his Gull several times of late. The North Shrewsbury (N. J.) Ice Yacht club will make an interesting experiment in a race between their wood and entire steel constructed boats. A third class ice boat designed after the fast craft of the Newburg club has also been built. She is cat rigged, and her performance against the jib and mainsail boats will be watched with interest by veteran yachtsmen. Upper photo shows a number of ice yachts ready to start. One in lower left is Captain Applegate's Vim. One in lower right, Captain Avery's Gull.

CHRISTMAS MAIL BURNED

Three-Car Electric Train Caught Fire—Traffic Tied Up For Some Time—Cause of Fire Unknown

BARRINGTON, R. I., Dec. 23.—A three-car electric train bound from Providence for Fall River caught fire between the Riverside and West Barrington stations of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad last night and rushed into West Barrington with its combination mail and baggage car ablaze. Traffic was tied up for some time while the local fire department fought the flames, which were confined to one car. Considerable of the Christmas mail with which the car was well filled was destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown.

JOAN OF ARC

Pope Benedict Decides to Postpone Canonization Proceedings Till After the War

PARIS, Dec. 23.—"Monsignor Touchett, bishop of Orleans, asked the pope during a visit to Rome, to hasten the canonization of Joan of Arc," says the Rome correspondent of the Petit Journal. "The pontiff, however, pointed out the significance attaching to such a step at the present time, when Joan of Arc more than ever is a symbol of the military valor and heroism of France, and said that to avoid the appearance of hastening the canonization, which could be considered contrary to the neutrality that the vatican desired to maintain towards all the belligerents, he had decided to postpone the proceedings until after the war."

NAVAL ADVISORY BOARD

VACANCY CAUSED BY RESIGNATION OF WOOD WILL BE FILLED BY AERONAUTIC ENGINEERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The vacancy on the naval advisory board caused by the resignation of Henry A. Wise Wood of New York, will be filled by the American Society of Aeronautic Engineers, which selected Mr. Wood, Secretary Daniels announced today. Mr. Wood's letter of resignation had not been received.

Mr. Daniels declined to comment on Mr. Wood's criticism of the administration's national defense program. He said, however, that the position Mr. Wood held was unofficial and that he was privileged to say what he pleased.

Secretary Daniels has requested the board to try to find a method for reducing the erosion of big guns, now limited to approximately 200 shots before the rifling is so worn that re-alignment is necessary. Germany is said to have developed a new metal for gun lining which reduces the wear somewhat.

LLOYD GEORGE MAKES APPEAL

NEWCASTLE, Eng., Dec. 23.—David Lloyd George, the munitions minister, last night addressed a meeting attended by 200 trades union officials. The minister urged the amendment of the trades unions' rules in order to permit the employment of a percentage of unskilled men with skilled men in the munitions trade. The meeting was private but it was stated that the suggestions of the ministers were very favorably received by the men.

NEW ELECTION IN SPAIN

MADRID, Dec. 23, via Paris—King Alfonso today signed decrees dissolving the Cortes. New elections will be held before March.

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SOME FAMILY

Five Living Generations in Massachusetts Family

ROYALSTON, Dec. 23.—Near the Fitzwilliam, N. H., line there is a family in which there are five living generations.

Mrs. Ellen A. Tufts Chase, of the first generation and great-great-grandmother, is 83 years old, a native of Malden, her family being among the first settlers of the town. Mrs. Chas. L. Williams, of the second generation, is 64 and is also a native of Malden, but has lived in this vicinity nearly 50 years. Mrs. Walter F. Adams, of the third generation, is 44 and is a native of Fitzwilliam, while Mrs. Charles A. Whitney, of the fourth generation, is 20, and her daughter Mildred, the fifth generation, is five months old. The two latter reside in Fitchburg. The family recently met at the home of Charles L. Williams and enjoyed a reunion.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON GENERAL WATERWAYS BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Despite prospects of a fight in congress over revenue legislation and the pleas of party leaders for economies, Chairman Sparkman of the house rivers and harbors committee is planning to report a general waterways bill, and there was talk today of the intention of the house public buildings committee, headed by Representative Clark of Florida to report an omnibus buildings bill.

It developed today that when the rivers and harbors committee meets after the holidays to determine its course, there will be up for consideration favorable reports of the army engineers on new projects aggregating $120,000,000.

The committee may decide to restrict the bill to continuation of projects already authorized but there is already evidence of an intention on the part of many members to insist upon more liberal waterway appropriations.

There numerous big projects on file, favorably reported on by the war department. Some of these larger ones are:

New York-Delaware Bay waterway, $26,000,000; East river and Hell Gate, New York, $13,400,000; dam at the foot of Lake Erie, N. Y., $3,500,000; improvement of Connecticut river, $1,870,000; channel to New York navy yard, $1,950,000; Boston harbor, $1,546,000.

Plans as to most of these projects are for comparatively small initial appropriations which, however, would commit the government in principle to their ultimate completion.

ST. PATRICK'S ALUMNI

NOTABLE EVENT ARRANGED FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT—REV. FR. LYONS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

The eighth annual reunion and banquet of St. Patrick's School alumni will be held Wednesday night at 7.30 o'clock in the school hall in Suffolk street. From 6.45 to 7.45 o'clock the classrooms will be open for the reception of all who attend. The principal speaker will be the Very Rev. Fr. Charles W. Lyons, president of Boston college. Father Lyons is reputed as one of the most eloquent orators of his order. His long career as an educator has given him experience that has won for him the recognition of the leading educators of the country.

TRIBUTE TO VON EMMICH

KAISER SENDS TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE TO WIDOW OF FAMOUS GENERAL

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (By wireless to Sayville)—Emperor William has sent a telegram of condolence to the widow of Gen. von Emmich, whose death was announced yesterday at Hanover, it is stated by the Overseas News agency which quotes the ruler's message as follows:

"I have lost an officer whom I highly esteemed as a paragon of fidelity and devotion, as a soldier and a man; and when history describes the most glorious achievements of this war—Liege, St. Quentin, Galicia and Poland—his name will accupy one of the first places.

CATARRH LEADS TO CONSUMPTION

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A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY

DR. C. B. SANDERS MUSTERED OUT OF SERVICE JUST FIFTY YEARS AGO

Dr. Charles B. Sanders of 475 Westford street is today celebrating the 50th anniversary of his mustering out of the United States service. He was born in Lowell in 1844 and enlisted in the 13th New Hampshire regiment in which he served for 19 months. He was first under fire at Fredericksburg. He also served as a lieutenant in the 30th United States (colored) regiment and was with Company A at the Battle of the Crater at Petersburg when 250 men from the regiment were killed, wounded and missing. In his own company 44 out of 62 men were killed. Dr. Sanders was captured in the last named battle and was confined eight months in the confederate prison at Columbia, S. C.

POLISH RELIEF FUND

LOCAL FALCONS RAISE NEAT SUM AMONG LOCAL MILL OPERATIVES FOR WAR SUFFERERS

During the past two weeks the relief committee of Branch 84, of the Polish Falcons of America has collected the sum of $457.91 to be used for aiding in the relief of the Polish war sufferers. The local committee consists of Miss Mae Urbanek, Joseph Laskowski and Joseph Bordnik.

All contributions received to date have come from people working in the mills of the city. The money will be sent to Chicago and from there to proper authorities in Poland. The list of contributors is as follows:

The employes of the Tremont & Suffolk Co.	$224.75
Employes of the Appleton Co.	167.57
Employes of the Hamilton Co.	74.09
A. D. Willikey of Hamilton Co.	5.00
C. L. Laliine of Hamilton Co.	2.00
S. T. Whittier of Hamilton Co.	2.00
Employes of the American Hide & Leather Co.	37.50
Mr. White, superintendent of American Hide & Leather Co.	5.00
Mr. Walker, superintendent of the Lawrence Co.	5.00
Frank Kus	1.00
A. Cebula	1.00
Total	$497.91

ST. ANTHONY'S SOCIETY

POPULAR ITALIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY HELD AN ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The regular meeting and election of officers of St. Anthony's de Padua society was held last night at its quarters, 2 Chapel street. There was a large attendance owing to the interest taken in the election of officers. President Vincent Marotta, who has been at the head of the organization for the past four years had previously announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election feeling that the honor should be bestowed upon some other member.

Ferdinando D'Arezzo was elected president and Mr. Marotta honored with that of vice president. The following were the other officers elected: financial secretary, Davite Di Paulis; corresponding secretary, Andrea Travlerso; treasurer, George Piloto; directors, Giovanni De Luca, Carmine Silvestre, Giaonni Botte, Antonio Pullano and Francisco Lutrechiano; sick committee, George Castiliano and Ilario Santilli; sergeant of the guard, Francisco Iamonda.

FORD PEACE MISSION

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF NOBEL INSTITUTE AT CHRISTIANIA

CHRISTIANIA, via London, Dec. 23.—Members of the Nobel institute unofficially received members of the Ford peace expedition on Wednesday. The president of the institute, without promising to support the peace mission, expressed hope for its success. He said neutral countries throughout the world desired a speedy termination of the war.

The Norwegian people look upon the reception by the institute as significant, as such occasions are rare.

The expedition will start for Stockholm this morning. The Swedish peace and arbitration league telegraphed that it would hold a mass meeting for the Ford delegates on Saturday.

Members of the Norwegian cabinet who were interviewed said that Norway was unable officially to take any action that would seem to be an interference with the natural course of events in the European war. This statement was in response to questions as to whether Norway was ready to take official action with other neutrals looking toward the ending of the war.

The body of Lloyd Bingham, a member of the Ford peace party, who died Wednesday of pneumonia, will be sent to New York.

DREAMS AND SCHEMES

REV. DR. GEORGE H. SPENCER HEARD IN INTERESTING LECTURE

"Dreamers and Schemers" was the subject of an interesting lecture by Rev. George H. Spencer, D. D., at the Central M. E. church last night. Dr. Spencer was the third speakers in the Bishop Hamilton lecture course.

Back of every good piece of work, he said, there is a worker. It is not true that "little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land." It is the little drops of water and little grains of sand and the Almighty.

The severest test that we can bring of character, is the test of balance. If a man achieves for humanity in any single direction, he is worthy of honor; but when, along the centuries, there does arrive a man who is able to meet the test of symmetry of character, for him there is no crown too big.

He named his four heroes, as follows: Alfred the Great, William the Silent, Prince of Orange, Washington and Lincoln. If we should study the lives of those four men, he said, we would discover that no one of them gained his position among men chiefly by intellectual power. It was their moral balance that distinguished them, the poise, proportion and symmetry of their manhood. Such character is not an accident; it is won in the school of life.

The task we have on hand, to make cleaner towns and nobler commonwealths, are not to be accomplished by the magic of some great leader, but by ordinary men and women who are able to work together. It is only those who have character that is symmetrical, who can co-operate. Right here lies the indictment of the schemer: he never had the vision of beauty. He never knew that there was yonder something better, that might be planted and made to grow and blossom and fruit for the benefit of humanity. He never knew that there was a school of character in which men might grow strong to undertake, and he cannot co-operate. Some of these men sell cloth, some sell lightning rods, and some sell railroads. Others sell only their friends. Some of them build palaces for themselves and live in the Back Bay; for some of them the state builds palaces. But in their essential core of character they are all alike, men who cannot co-operate. They can work you sometimes, but they cannot work with you. They look upon life as an opportunity to get. Serving has nothing to do with them.

The dreamers, he differentiated from the schemers, and said that the world always has a sneer for the dreamer. If you undertake to clean up your city, men will stand around the barrooms and laugh at the dreamer. If you entertain high hopes and desires for church or state or nation, men will look at you and say, "See the poor dreamer!" But that ought not to daunt any good American. Columbus was a dreamer, but he gave the world America.

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CAN SELL HORSEMEAT

NO LAW AGAINST IT IN THIS STATE—DEALERS MAY FOLLOW LEAD TAKEN BY NEW YORK MEN

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—No objections will be made by either the local or state health authorities should Boston meat dealers care to follow the lead taken by New York to sell horseflesh, provided proper sanitary precautions are taken. Announcement has come from New York of a change in the health department rules which will permit the sale of horseflesh after Jan. 1.

There is no law against the use of horseflesh in Boston if the animal is properly inspected and properly labelled. None is sold, however, at least as far as the state authorities can learn. Not a single case has been reported in several years by inspectors who haunt the market districts and slaughter houses.

At one time attempts were made to sell horseflesh as beef in Boston, but the health authorities soon discovered the fraud and it was stopped. According to meat dealers there is a prejudice against horse meat which would make it difficult for them to find a market for this animal in Boston.

Furthermore, horses are worth too much at the present time. Neither Commissioner Mahoney of the Boston health board nor Hermann C. Lythgoe, head of the food and drug division of the state board of health, feels any attempt will be made to find a market here for horseflesh. Both state that the meat is just as wholesome and nutritious as beef, but the prejudice in most minds against the slaughter of horses for eating purposes would make it unprofitable.

Many Georgia housewives have adopted overalls to wear when working about the house.

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Silk Shirts.....$1.85 and $3.00
Dress Shirts....$1, $1.50, $2.00
Silk Hose.....25c, 35c and 50c
Cotton Hose.....12½c and 25c
Wool Hose, 12½c, 17c, 25c, 35c, 50c
Sweaters, 98c, $1.48, $2.98, $3.98, $5.00 and $6.00.
Neckwear, 25c, 35c, 48c, 65c, $1.00
Holeproof Hose.....$1.50, $2.00
Suspender Sets, 25c, 48c, 75c, $1, $1.50
Neckwear Sets, 48c, 98c, $1.50
Hosiery Sets.....48c, 98c, $1.50
Pajamas.....98c and $1.50

FOR MEN

Cotton Night Shirts, 50c, 69c, $1.00
Domet Night Shirts.....59c, 98c
Arrow Brand Collars, box...$1.50
All styles of Garters.....17c
Men's Umbrellas, 69c, 98c, $1.15, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00.
Wool Underwear, 69c, 98c, $1.25, $1.48, $2.00 and $2.50
Union Suits, $1, $1.50, $2 and $3
Cotton Underwear, 38c, 48c and 98c
Kid Gloves, lined and unlined, $1.00, $1.15 and $1.50
Mocha Gloves, silk lined, $1, $1.15, $1.50, $2.00
Wool Gloves.....25c and 50c

FOR BOYS

Boys' Shirts.....35c and 45c
Boys' Waists.....25c and 45c
Boys' Kid Gloves.....75c and $1
Boys' Fur Gauntlets.....48c
Boys' Mittens.....25c and 48c
Boys' Sweaters, 98c, $1.48 and $1.98
Boys' Caps.....25c and 50c
Boys' Toques.....25c and 48c
Boys' Ties.....10c and 25c
Boys' Suspenders...10c and 25c
Boys' Pajamas.....59c and 98c
Boys' Night Shirts.....48c
Boys' Underwear....25c and 45c
Boys' Union Suits....48c and $1
Boys' Collars.....10c

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Men's Raincoats

There is nothing we are sure a man would use to better advantage than a raincoat and we are well supplied with Men's Oxford Gray, double texture raincoats at..$8.00 and $10.00

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Right now the chief of your worries is likely "what to give him." Why not a House Coat or Smoking Jacket? We have them in plain gray, brown, green and wine color with plaid backs, collar and sleeves, also silk frogs and braid edges. Priced $4, $5, $6.50 and $8

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"Nell is going to have a brand new room and wants me to help her furnish it. Isn't that lovely," laughed Marjorie as she danced into Marie one morning. "Won't you give us some suggestions that will help?" she concluded.

"I have just seen a room for a young girl friend of mine," returned Marie," and I will tell you about it. In the first place the woodwork is a rich ivory white and is rubbed to a soft finish so it is not shiny. With this any furniture or coloring is harmonious. The walls are of hardwood stained rather dark so they will make a background for any kind of rugs she may choose. Of course the ceiling is creamy white.

"Someone always thinks of pink or rose color as being the fitting scheme to be worked out in a girl's room, so why not have your friend's walls in a wee wild rose pattern running right up to the white picture moulding. Let the curtains be of cream net or scrim or dotted Swiss muslin with overdrapes and valance of rosy pink sundour.

"The furniture may be of mahogany, birch, walnut or any of the pale gray enameled sets with or without cane insets. Have one or two single beds as she may have you as a guest sometime and it is nicer to have a single bed to give a guest rather than to share one together.

"I hope there may be a small fireplace with a white enameled mantelpiece and a chaise lounge in wicker conveniently placed in an alcove window with a web table nearby. What is cozier than a cheering cup of tea served in one's room from the daintiest of china and all you need have is slices of thin bread spread with good butter."

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PROTESTED TO TURKEY

SLAUGHTER OF ARMENIANS STAGGERED GERMANY, SAYS DR JAMES L. BARTON

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The German government on Aug. 9 filed at Constantinople a protest against the Turkish treatment of Armenians, according to Dr. James L. Barton, chairman of the national committee for Armenian and Serbian relief, who yesterday made public the text of the protest.

In a statement quoting the official communication transmitted by the German embassy, Dr. Barton, speaking for the committee, says that Count Ernst von Reventlow, a German naval expert, in a recent statement published in the Tages Zeitung in Germany, and cabled to the United States, strongly defends Turkey's massacre of the Armenians on the basis of military necessity; and adds:

"One wonders whether Von Reventlow knows that throughout the length and breadth of the Turkish empire, after the men (who only were capable of revolution, but who, according to every known evidence, did not revolt) had nearly all been disposed of, the attack fell upon the widows and orphans, who were driven from their homes by hundreds of thousands, at the point of the bayonet.

"Is it possible that Von Reventlow knows that fully one half of these refugees miserably perished from violence, exposure and starvation?

"He must be ignorant of the sickening reports made by many eye witnesses—American, Italian, British, German—civilian and official, who tell of seeing these helpless, inoffensive women and girls brained because they clamored for food or forced into Islam because perchance they were comely, of women throwing their babies into rivers or over precipices to save them from impending horror of continued existence.

"He cannot have known that, on Aug. 9 of this year, in Constantinople, the German ambassador in the name of his imperial master, filed a protest against these horrors with the Turkish government couched in the following words:

"'The German embassy regrets to have realized that, according to information received from impartial and reliable sources, acts of violence such as massacres and plunders, which could not be justified by the aim that the imperial government was pursuing, instead of being checked by the local authorities, regularly followed the expulsion of the Armenians, so that most of them perished before reaching their destination. It is chiefly from the provinces of Trebizond, Diarbekir and Erzeroum that all Christians without distinction of race or religion had the same fate.

"'At the same time the imperial government has thought it right to extend the measure of expatriation to the other provinces of Asia Minor, and very recently the Armenian villages of the district of Izmit, near the capital, have been evacuated under similar conditions.

"'Under such circumstances, the German embassy, by order of its government, is obliged to remonstrate once more against these acts of horror.'"

MOTORWOMEN IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 22, via London, Dec. 23.—Twenty motorwomen today began their duties on the chief Berlin street railway lines. They constitute the advance guard of female workers, which will eventually displace all but the oldest men on the lines, if the war continues.

MAN OF 80 ASPHYXIATED

WIFE IS ON THE DANGEROUS LIST FROM GAS POISONING IN THE NORTH ADAMS HOSPITAL

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 23.—Dennis Buckley, 80, is dead from asphyxiation by illuminating gas, and his wife, Mary, 70, is in the North Adams hospital on the dangerous list from gas poisoning.

The couple, who are wealthy, were found late yesterday afternoon in their home in Pebble street by Police Officers H. B. Rosasco and James F. Bowes, who broke into the house when neighbors became alarmed at the non-appearance of the aged couple.

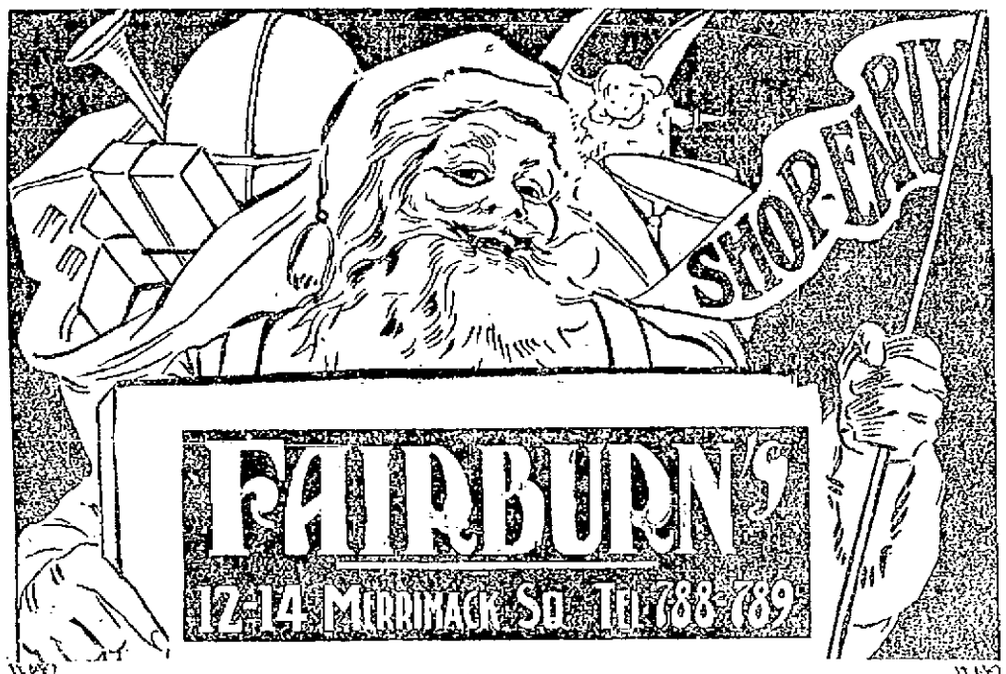
The house was filled with gas from an open valve on the gas stove in the kitchen.

In a room upstairs the aged couple were found. Mr. Buckley was overcome while dressing, and had apparently been dead for about 10 hours. Mrs. Buckley was in another bed unconscious. She was taken to the hospital.

DIVIDENDS BY STATE BANKS

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The savings insurance banks of the state yesterday announced that the regular dividend scale adopted by the banks in previous years will be maintained, and that in addition an extra dividend equal to 75 per cent of the regular dividend will be paid on all policies.

The savings insurance banks are the Whitman Savings Bank, Whitman; People's Savings Bank, Brockton; Berkshire County Savings Bank, Pittsfield, and the City Savings Bank of Pittsfield.



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Shelled Almonds, lb.....55c
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Shelled Pecans, lb.....65c
Dromedary Dates, pkg..... 9c

MIXED NUTS, lb.....12½c

Soft Shelled Almonds, lb.....22c
Filberts, lb.....14c
Pecans, lb.....15c
Cluster Raisins, pkg.....10c and 15c
Plum Pudding.....10c, 15c, 35c
Hatchet Raisins, pkg.....11c
Not-a-Seed Raisins, pkg.....12c
Giant Olives, jar.....22c
Stuffed Olives, bottle..... 9c
Bulk Pickles (mixed), lb.....15c

FRESH DRESSED YOUNG PIG

Small Pork Loins, lb.....14c
Small Fresh Shoulders, lb.....10c, 13c
Fores of Lamb, lb.....10c, 13c
Legs of Southdown Mutton, lb.....13½c
Legs of Genuine Spring Lamb, lb.....19c
Legs of Fresh Veal, lb.....18c
Veal Forequarters, lb.....12c

Boneless Beef (for mince meat), lb...15c
Sirloin Roasts, lb.....18c, 22c, 25c
Sirloin Steak, lb.....25c, 30c, 35c
Round Steak, lb.....20c, 25c
Rib Roasts (5th rib), lb.....14c
Boneless Pot Roast, lb.....16c
Heavy Beef Clock, lb.....13c, 16c
(Heavy Western Steers)

GROCERY DEPT.

California Peaches, can.....10c
"Jersey" Bartlett Pears, can.....15c
"Del Monte" Pineapple, can.....21c
Sliced Hawaiian Pineapple, can.....15c
"Columbia" Red Raspberries, can.....14c

Soft Wisconsin Peas, can..... 8c
New York Corn, can.....6½c
Fancy Maine Corn, can.....12½c
Heavy Conn. Tomatoes, can.....10c

La Touraine Coffee, lb.....33c
"Square" Brand Coffee, lb.....35c
"Economy" Santos Coffee, lb.....15c

Fresh Vermont Butter, lb.....30c
Fresh Eggs, doz.....42c
Selected Cooking Eggs, doz.....27c

"Garden Blend" Teas, lb.....25c, 40c
(Fresh-sifted, strong or mild)
Ridgeway's War Package.....60c

FRUIT DEPT.

Sweet Florida Oranges, doz.....12½c
Large Florida Oranges, doz.....25c
"Isle of Pines" Grapefruit.... 6 for 25c
(25 for $1.00—Large size)
Choice Sunkist Oranges, doz.....35c
Jonathan Apples, doz.....25c
Fancy Wine Sap Apples, doz.....25c
No. 1 Show Baldwin Apples, pk.....35c

Choice White Celery 10c
Fancy Heavy Let[illegible].....8c
Fresh Green Peas, qt.....18c
Fresh Wax Beans, qt.....18c
Fresh Native Tomatoes, lb.....13c, 23c
Fresh Asparagus, bunch.....40c
Fresh Cauliflower, lb.....12c

Almeria Grapes, lb.....25c
Casaba Melons, each.....35c
Large Pineapples, each.....15c

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SCHOOL STRIKE SETTLED

SUPERINTENDENT OF SAUGUS SCHOOLS BLAMES TEACHER FOR TROUBLE

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Superintendent William F. Sims of the Saugus schools yesterday declared that, in his opinion, the strike on Tuesday afternoon of 60 pupils in the ninth grade of the grammar school in Saugus was instigated by Miss Irma Gray, the favorite teacher of the pupils, who resigned to accept a position elsewhere.

Miss Gray resigned two weeks ago, her resignation to take effect yesterday. She denies that she had instigated the strike of the students and declared that she tried to have the boys and girls return to the school after they had left it with shouts and cheers for her.

The strike of the pupils was declared off yesterday when all the pupils of the class returned to the school.

Marshall Siteman, president of the class, said that the action of the boys and girls was due to a misunderstanding, and that the school authorities have no reason to anticipate any further disorder.

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STANDARD THERMOMETER

BILL PROVIDING FOR ONE FAVORED BY STATE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 23.—A bill to establish a state clinical standard thermometer has been filed with Clerk Kimball of the House of Representatives today. The bill is filed by Representative Charles B. Frothingham of Lynn and is accompanied by the petition of Thure Hanson, state sealer of weights and measures. A severe penalty is also contained in the bill for the use or sale of a clinical thermometer that has not been sealed for the state commissioner.

Provision is made for the securing of a standard clinical thermometer by the state commissioner, the standard to be certified by the National bureau of standards. Under the bill all clinical thermometers shall be sealed by the state commissioner and "any person, by himself or by his servant or agent, who keeps for the purpose of sale, offer or expose for sale, or sell, use or attempt to use any clinical thermometer which has not been sealed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

The fine provided for the first offense is not less than $20 nor more than $200. For a second conviction in any court there is provided a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $500, or imprisonment for not more than a year or by both the fine and imprisonment.

HOYT.

FIREMEN AS DOCTORS

EXCITED MOTHER SENDS IN CALL WHEN BABY TOOK CONVULSIONS YESTERDAY

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The fire department of this city has been called upon to respond to most all sorts of calls, but one yesterday is considered the limit.

Fire headquarters received a "still alarm" over the telephone from Quincy court, in the North End, and when Ladder 1 from Friend street and Acting Chief Hines arrived they found a baby had convulsions from the whooping cough and the excited mother had summoned help from the fire department.

And she got help, because Acting Chief Hines was able to advise her what action to take if there was a recurrence of the trouble with the child.

And the firemen went back to quarters wondering, "What next?"

ADMIT WRECKING TRAIN

Prison Sentences From Five to Fifteen Years Imposed on Vernale and Karuba

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 23.—Prison sentences from five to fifteen years were imposed in the superior court here yesterday on Antonio Vernale of Bridgeport, and Paul Karuba of Portland who pleaded guilty to the charge of wrecking a passenger train on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at Maromas, on Aug. 27, 1911.

In the wreck 60 persons were injured, one of whom died later. The men are already serving prison sentences for other crimes—Vernale for arson and Karuba for assault with intent to kill.

Nunzio Bushema and Sebastian Laguna, also charged with train wrecking, pleaded not guilty, and will go on trial today.

RUPTURE IN CABINET

LONDON TRUTH PREDICTS MORE TROUBLE—KITCHENER AND LLOYD GEORGE NEAR BREAK

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The speech in the house of commons on Monday by David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, is characterized by Truth as "the last word in the keen struggle of the preceding months between him and Kitchener." The newspaper continues:

"It obviously provokes or discloses a ministerial situation. It is not easy to see how, after this speech, Lloyd George and Kitchener can remain in the same cabinet."

Truth holds that Mr. Lloyd George's references to the shortage of machine guns, large guns and explosives are implied reflections on Secretary Kitchener, but adds that this does not exonerate the cabinet. It continues:

"For more than six months before June, Mr. Lloyd George himself served on the munitions committee, and if he did not know about the machine guns he ought to have known."

MINISTERIAL DECREE

Baking of Rolls, Biscuits and Other Fancy Breads Forbidden in Vienna

VIENNA, Dec. 23, via London.—A ministerial decree has been issued forbidding the baking of rolls, biscuits and other fancy breads and permitting only the making of loaves of ordinary bread. The order does not apply to households.

A further order requires persons possessing raw oils, benzol and tar oil to report the quantity on hand the first and fifteenth of every month. This order authorizes the expropriation of mineral if such a step is necessary.

THREATENED ROOSEVELT

WOMAN WHO HAS BEEN IN INSANE ASYLUM SINCE 1914 TO BE RELEASED

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 23.—After being confined in the state institutions for the insane since November, 1914, Mrs. Ida von Claussen, writer of threatening and eccentric letters to Theodore Roosevelt and others is to be released from the state hospital for the insane at Middletown and placed in the custody of her brother, Matthews Claussen of New York city. Justice Tompkins signed here today an order for her release, specifying that while in her brother's charge she must not be allowed on the streets alone or out of sight of a custodian. While she has shown improvement, the court says she is not deemed entirely cured.

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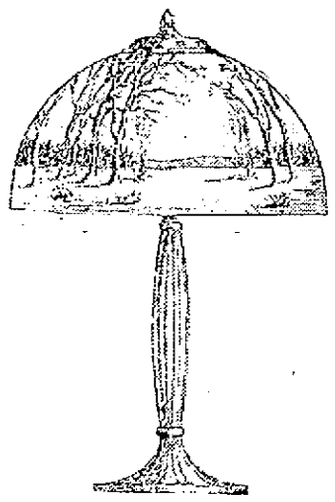

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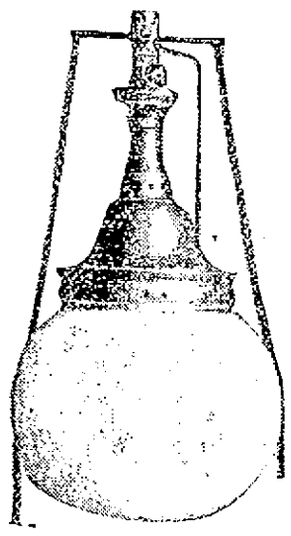

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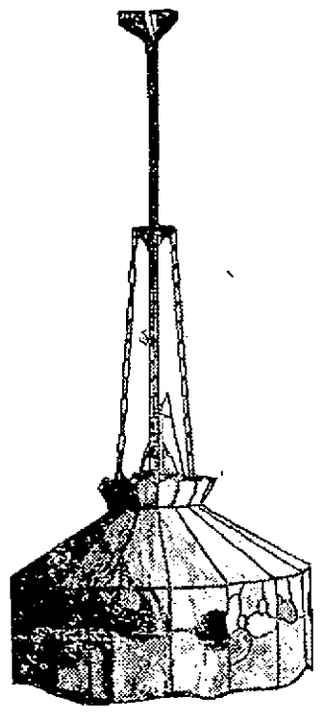

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WHOOPING COUGH

State Board of Health Makes Report—Cases in Lowell

Whooping cough has been prevalent in many parts of the state according to the report of the state board of health just issued. The difficulty of early diagnosis and efficient quarantine in this disease is largely responsible for its continued spread. Some practical work is being done by the New York city department of health as to the use of a vaccine for this disease. Results of their studies will, no doubt, soon give out some important facts to help us in our control of this infection. While there have been no epidemics in any particular city or town, in a few places it has been particularly prevalent. Among those places may be mentioned Cambridge, Provincetown, Chelsea, Lawrence, Waltham, Natick, Northampton, and Whately. Springfield has been having a considerable number of cases for several months, but they seem to be decreasing.

The diphtheria situation is of interest. A comparison with October, 1914, shows that there are about the same number of cases this year. One fact worthy of note is that they do not seem to be so fatal this year. The fatality rate last year was 6.7, and this year 3.8. While this is gratifying it is no assurance that the infection may not become virulent at any time. There have been no marked epidemics of diphtheria during the month. However, the disease has been unusually prevalent in the following cities and towns: Attleboro, New Bedford, Haverhill, Malden, Rockport, Saugus, Lawrence, Lowell, Waltham, Fitchburg, Hudson, Leominster, Shirley and Agawam.

JAMES CHILDREN HOME

TWO LITTLE SISTERS KIDNAPPED BY CIVIL WAR VETERAN RESTORED TO THEIR MOTHER

After being away 12 days, Effie and Vivian James, the two sisters taken from the city on Dec. 10 by David Gilson, were returned to their mother, Mrs. Alice James-Johnson of 30 Wilson street, last evening. Unconcerned about returning to their home and seeing their mother again, the little girls were brought here from the Children's society in New York by Sergt. David Petrie.

The party arrived on the 9.40 o'clock train. The mother of the children was not among the curious spectators waiting on the platform at the Middlesex street station and Sergt. Petrie continued to the police station where the girls were turned over to the matron. Neither was Mrs. James, waiting at the station but upon being notified of the arrival of her little ones she immediately came down to get them.

Up to this time the children had appeared none too anxious to meet their mother, but when she appeared in the room and bent to kiss them, Effie, the one most reluctant about returning, burst into tears. Vivian was also affected during the reunion that followed. The mother and children remained in the matron's room for nearly an hour while the sisters were given food by the matron and allowed to rest. The mother said that both girls wore new dresses, new hats and shoes, which Gilson had bought for them. They certainly showed no signs of ill treatment.

While being detained in the New York City prison pending the decision whether or not he would be extradited, David Gilson suffered a nervous breakdown, it was learned yesterday by Sergt. Petrie. On account of his old age for a day or two his recovery was doubtful, according to physicians at the Bellevue hospital where he was removed, but yesterday he rallied and is said to be doing well. He will not leave the hospital, however, for a day or two at least and his case in the New York court will have to be continued. The proceedings will be immediately dropped, it is said.

Gilson was seen by Sergt. Petrie at the hospital yesterday morning. The aged veteran was told that a warrant had been issued for his arrest for kidnapping but the authorities had agreed to drop the charge on condition that he remain out of Massachusetts. "We will retain the warrant, however, and you will be liable to arrest if you ever return to Lowell or vicinity," said the sergeant.

"I will go back to Lowell as soon as I am able," Gilson is reported to have replied.

"If you do come back to Lowell you will surely be arrested," reiterated Sergt. Petrie before leaving.

The story told by the children at the station corroborated with that told by them in New York city. For several days prior to Dec. 10, the children and Gilson had talked over the question of disappearing. It was agreed that the children meet him in North Chelmsford after 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 10. He gave them their car fare and they arrived on scheduled time. From North Chelmsford they journeyed by trolley to Ayer and thence to Fitchburg, where they continued as reported in the papers. They stopped one night at North Adams and then went to Troy and Albany.

Gilson had told the children that he intended to take them to Florida, where he owned property. It is believed that they were to assist him in selling copies of his poem when the weather got warmer.

The children were talked to at the station by Supt. Welch and Sergt. Petrie. They agreed to notify the police if they ever saw Gilson in this city again.

In conversation with Sergt. Petrie, Effie said that she did not care to return to her mother. "Granddaddy has been good to us and has given us everything we needed," she said. "I shouldn't think my mother would want us back after the way she used us before we went away." Vivian, the younger, had less to say and agreed to follow her sister.

It was nearly 11 o'clock when the children were taken from the station by their mother. Before departing each did a cordial farewell to their escort, Sergt. Petrie.

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THE YULETIDE SEASON

SWEDISH CHURCHES MAKE ELABORATE PREPARATIONS FOR OBSERVANCE OF YULETIDE SEASON

Members of the Swedish churches in this city are making elaborate preparations for the observance of Christmas and the subsequent days of Yuletide. Tomorrow evening Rev. P. E. Nodrgren, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church, accompanied by a quartet of singers from the church, will visit all the shutins of the parish. Chorales and hymns will be sung to the invalids and those who will not be able to attend the "Julotta" services on Saturday morning.

On Saturday morning, beginning at 5.30 o'clock, the old observance of "Julotta" will be followed. Lighted candles will be placed in all the windows of the local Swedish church, bidding the worshippers to enter. The exercises will be strictly religious, and will continue until 7 o'clock. At the Swedish Congregational and Swedish Methodist churches, in the evening, there will be Christmas trees, with concerts given by the members of the church. At the Lutheran church, on Sunday evening, a Christmas concert will be given at 7 o'clock.

Yuletide, or Jul-tide, will actually continue until January 1, although Scandinavians in America, except in those western communities where they are very numerous, will not observe it with so great formality as is done in Sweden and Norway. Saturday's observance will be the first of the Yule days.

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HIS LICENSE SUSPENDED

HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE FATAL ACCIDENT ON GEORGE STREET

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 23.—Richard L. Freeman of Lowell has been notified by the Massachusetts highway commission that his license to operate motor vehicles in this state has been suspended, it appearing that an automobile operated by him on the fifth day of December was involved in an accident which resulted in the death of Lawrence Liz, also of Lowell. Freeman held license No. 54138, issued to him under date of Sept. 24, 1915, and he has been directed to send his license certificate to the office of the highway commission at once, pending an investigation which is being made by the board at the present time.

It is expected that the investigator's report will be submitted to the commissioners within a very few days and upon this report will depend largely the future action of the board in this case. If the report convinces the commissioners that the accident occurred without serious fault on the part of Freeman, his license will then be returned to him, but should this report lead the commissioners to believe that Freeman was at serious fault his license will remain suspended and a public hearing granted, at which time he will be called before the board and asked to tell his story of the accident.

If the case comes to a public hearing it will be Freeman's task to prove to the board beyond doubt that the accident happened without serious fault on his part and if successful in this attempt his license will then be returned to him without delay. But should he be unsuccessful the commissioners will be obliged, under the law, to revoke his license for a period of at least six months. HOYT.

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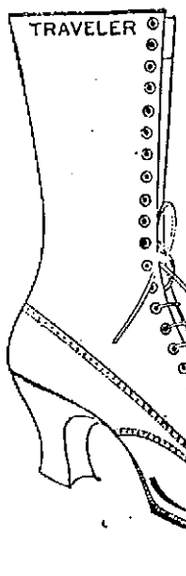

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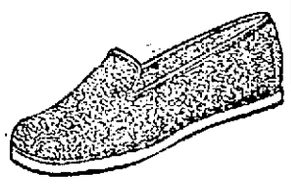

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REMOVAL OF EMBARGO

Exportation of Fish From Newfoundland to Greece Resumed—Ships Held at Gibraltar Released

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 23.—Announcement was made today that the Newfoundland government had been advised of the removal of the prohibition of exportation of fish from this colony to Greece imposed by the British government some time ago as an incident to its efforts to obtain the support of Greece in the Balkan campaign. Several vessels laden with cod which had been held at Gibraltar have been permitted to proceed to their destinations.

The French government has declined the request of the Newfoundland government, made through the British colonial office, that Newfoundland fish be permitted free entry into France during the war. It was explained that such action would necessitate an extension of the same privilege to all countries with which France had "most favored nation" treaties.

$10,000 FOR EXPERTS

STATE TO INVESTIGATE BAY STATE PETITION TO INCREASE FARES—APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDED

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Experts who will represent the residents of more than 50 cities and towns of this state whose interests are involved in connection with the petition of the Bay State Street Railway company to raise more than $1,600,000 a year by an increase in fares, will be appointed to examine the technical data submitted to the public service commission by the company's expert and to make other investigations, as the result of an appropriation voted by the governor and council yesterday.

On recommendation of the governor, the council voted that the public service commission be authorized to expend $10,000 from the governor's fund to secure expert aid in connection with the Bay State fare raise petition.

The public service commission found that its inspection department burdened as it is with the regular work was unable to cope with the additional labor of making the necessary investigation to enable the commission to get all of the facts in the case as its members want them.

The governor decided that the commission should have the aid of experts and should get this aid at once, as under the law the commission must issue an order forbidding a proposed increase of this kind within six months after being notified by a company of its intention to make rate changes or the proposed changes go into effect automatically.

Gov. Walsh stated yesterday that the time on the Bay State case began in September and would run out about the last of February.

He submitted a statement to the council and the latter body with the exceptions of Lieut.-Gov. Cushing and Councillor Wright voted for the $10,000 appropriation. The latter, it is understood, felt that the matter should be put up to the next legislature. The governor felt, he said, that a delay might prove serious and defeat the object of the appropriation.

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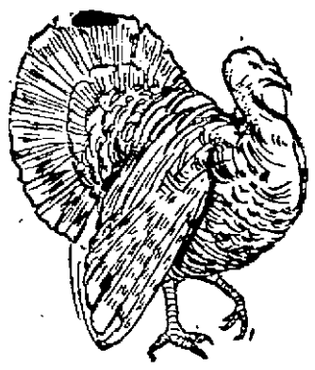

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Pork Chops.....13c to 15c
Fresh Shoulders..... 12c

VEGETABLES
Onions, small, lb. 1c
Onions, large, 3 lbs. 10c
Parsnips, lb. 3c
Carrots, lb. 2c

TURKEYS, small, per lb. 20c
10 to 12 pound TURKEYS, per lb... 25c
Extra Fancy TURKEYS, per lb..... 30c
Fancy Fresh Killed GEESE, per lb. .....22c and 25c
Fancy Fresh Killed DUCK, per lb. .....20c and 22c
Large Fresh Killed CHICKENS, per lb. .....22c and 25c
BROILERS, from 2 to 4 lbs. per lb. .....20c and 22c
FRESH KILLED FOWL, per lb. .....20c and 23c

English Walnuts, per lb. 18c
Mixed Nuts, per lb. 15c
Almonds, per lb. 22c
Table Apples, pk. 25c
Oranges, doz. 15c
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THE SPELLBINDER

Dr. Rooney, who was ousted from the position of registrar of voters by the election of Lawyer Frank M. Qua intends to have the matter aired in court owing to the difference of opinion that has arisen as to the interpretation of the statutes relative to registrars. The law states that the election of registrars shall take place during one of two months in the year, and thus not at any time that the municipal council may elect. Mr. Qua's friends claim, however, that the law imposes a duty as well as a privilege upon the municipal council and while it states that the election shall take place in one of two months, if the council fails to avail itself of its privilege of making that election one month before the expiration of the term, it becomes its duty to elect at any time after that term has expired

The personality of the rival contenders in the case doesn't enter into the controversy at all Both are eminently qualified and desirable candidates for the position One has already shown his ability and the other is ready and willing to show his.

Mayor-Elect a Busy Man

Between cleaning up imperative law matters that demand his attention at the present time and giving ear to the requests and importunities of a host of candidates for positions and their friends, Mayor-elect O'Donnell is an exceedingly busy man these days. From 9 in the morning until 9 at night the mayor-elect has been on the jump since election day, and there is no sign of a let-up. For each position, high and low, in which popular fancy believes a change may be made, there are some 40 candidates, more or less, and each candidate not satisfied with making personal application, has a host of friends to plead his cause. It is doubtful if ever before in local politics, certainly never before under this form of government, have so many men holding position in the pay of the city taken such an active personal part in a political campaign. Despite the provisions of the civil service law men holding civil service positions have come out openly as campaigners, and now those who have lost are turning heaven and earth to protect their positions. It has always been an unwritten rule of politics to sink or swim; to go up or go down with one's man and cause, but this year sees some notable exceptions to the rule, for some of the men who were the most strenuously opposed to the mayor-elect are now pleading the hardest to get his good-will Already the mayor-elect has received a sufficient number of invitations to banquets, etc., to ensure him a case of indigestion or dyspepsia if he makes good with the knife and fork at all of them.

One Day Off in Five

The one-day-off-in-five can truly be called a Christmas gift for the firemen for if the fire commissioner so decides the one-day-off-in-five regulation may start on Christmas day. The law states that the one day off shall become operative upon the acceptance of the act. The act was formally accepted by the people of Lowell on election day, Dec. 14. Then the election law provides 10 days' time within which a petition for a re-count may be asked The 10 day limit expires tomorrow evening, and there has been no such petition and hence the new order of things may legally go into effect on Christmas morning

A Merry Christmas

Whether they always agreed with him or not The Spellbinder wishes all Sun readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

THE SPELLBINDER.

COLONEL VILLA ARRESTED

TAKEN FROM TRAIN ON CHARGE OF SWINDLING—TO BE TAKEN TO JAIL

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 23.—To forestall habeas corpus proceedings by which Col. Hipolito Villa might have been obtained from El Paso, Col. Villa, accompanied by a detective, was started for El Paso this morning at 4.50 o'clock.

Villa was arrested here last night on a Southern Pacific train from the west, the arrest being based on a message from the El Paso chief of police, charging Villa with swindling. Villa agreed to return and face the charge without formal court order, and even consented to pay his and the detective's fare.

Local officers were informed today that Villa will be met by the El Paso chief some distance east of El Paso and taken to jail to await the fixing of bonds.

VILLA FORCES ROUTED

Nine Hundred Soldiers Killed, Wounded or Taken Prisoner After Fierce Fight According to Carranza Officials

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Carranza troops under Gen. Trevino engaged what remained of the Villa army in battle Tuesday, and yesterday at Mapula, 10 miles outside Chihuahua City, inflicting a severe defeat.

Nine hundred Villa soldiers were killed, wounded or taken prisoner, according to advices to Carranza officials in Neuvo Laredo last night.

The Carranza losses were said to have been small. Gen. Trevino, with his soldiers, who have advanced rapidly to Chihuahua during the past 10 days, encountered the Villa soldiers moving southward.

A fierce battle ensued, in which no quarter was shown. The Villa soldiers fought desperately, and the battle lasted all Tuesday afternoon and was prolonged through the night until the Villa troops surrendered yesterday morning. The streets of the village of Mapula were strewn with dead when firing ceased.

QUIET AT JUAREZ

"Wickedest Town in Mexico" Spent First Night Under Carranza Control

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Gen. Alvaro Obregon, Carranza commander-in-chief of northern Mexico, who just arrived here last night from Nogales, Sonora, said he would go to Juarez, just across the border late today.

Juarez passed its first night under Carranza control peacefully and with less of the bustle characteristic of "the wickedest town in Mexico."

Gambling had ceased and the disorderly resorts have been closed.

Constitutionalist currency issued to the soldiers now has purchasing value in the stores.

Chihuahua City was occupied yesterday according to messages received at the Mexican consulate here.

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HOWARD DREW, CHAMPION SPRINTER, TO MEET PANAMA-PACIFIC CHAMPION

HOWARD DREW

Howard Drew, the world's champion sprinter, who recently announced his retirement from competition, has reconsidered his determination to hang up his spiked shoes. He will journey to this city from his home in California for the sole purpose of meeting Joe Loomis of Chicago, who captured the national sprint title in the Panama-Pacific games in California a short time ago, in a special match race at the Milrose Athletic association games to be held in Madison Square Garden, Jan. 26th. The race between the pair should be one of the best that has been held in some time.

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BRITISH LOSSES

Total at Dardanelles Up to December 11 Was 112,921

LONDON, Dec. 23, 12.43 p. m.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to December 11, was 112,921.

This is the grand total of officers and men, including the naval lists of killed, wounded and missing. The number killed was 25,279. In addition to the total of the casualties, the number of sick admitted to hospitals was 96,683.

The losses were distributed as follows:

Killed: Officers, 1602; men, 23,670.
Wounded: Officers, 2969; men, 72,222.
Missing: Officers, 337; men, 12,114.

Money deposited in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank on or before Saturday, January 1st, will draw interest from that date.

CITY HALL NEWS

Continued

asked my opinion in the matter and I have given it"

Mr. Putnam, however, stuck to his original suggestion, that Mr. McLaughlin's services should be dispensed with, though he agreed with what the latter had to say. "But if we intended to have an expert we should have said so in the first place," concluded Mr. Putnam.

Mr. McLaughlin had referred to several big jobs, including schoolhouses, in which the services of the consulting architect had been retained by municipalities, and Mr. Carmichael said again that he believed the city should continue Mr. McLaughlin in its service, for a time at least.

In reply to Mr. Morse, Mr. McLaughlin said the school could not be built within the appropriation if the accepted plans were carried out to the letter. He said, however, that the plans could be modified and even at that the strictest economy would have to be exercised. He said there would have to be a general rearrangement of the plans.

The mayor said the school would have to be built for $450,000. "And that means," said Mr. McLaughlin, "that it would require a man with complete knowledge of school buildings to build within the appropriation. I do not say that Mr. Rourke is not a thoroughly competent architect. I know he is a competent architect, but I do feel as if he ought to have someone to consult and advise with."

"This is the biggest proposition," said Mr. Morse, "that Lowell has ever had to contend with so far as schoolhouses are concerned, and I hope we will not make any mistake in the matter."

$450,000 School

"It seems to me," said Mr. McLaughlin, "that before you go any further you should be advised what you can get for $450,000. The sensible way is to know what you are going to do before you go ahead, and I say to you that with proper study the present plans can be so modified as to build the school within the amount stated by the mayor, $450,000."

"Why didn't we find this out in the first place?" asked Mr. Putnam.

"The plans drawn," said the mayor, "were drawn for the purpose of selecting an architect," and Mr. McLaughlin added that the plan selected was the most flexible one and the one that would most readily admit of the necessary modifications.

"If we had selected a commission in the first place," said Mr. Putnam, "would the commission have allowed architects to bring in high priced plans that could not be followed out within our appropriation?"

"What we should have done was to have called for plans that we could build by—not illusionary affairs."

It was again explained that the plans presented in competition were skeletons and that it is now up to the architect to develop suitable plans for a school that can be built within the appropriation.

Mr. Duncan said the council did not know in the beginning how much the school would cost as the question had not been discussed. It was known that $760,000 had been appropriated but out of that had to be paid the various amounts for seized property, heating, ventilating, etc.

Mr. McLaughlin's Position

"As to my fee for the services already rendered," said Mr. McLaughlin, "I am entirely in your hands and I presume I was negligent in not having an agreement in the beginning. I have been very much interested in the proposition and have found great pleasure in working with you. I have asked $1200, but you can pay me what you please. If you say that I am not entitled to anything I will accept that and there certainly shall be no hard feelings on my part if my services are discontinued at this time."

The conference was continued at considerable length.

"I think your fee is very reasonable," said Messrs. Carmichael and Morse in unison. "I think we could not have selected a more competent architect than Mr. Rourke," said Mr. Carmichael, "but it seems he ought to have somebody with whom to advise."

It was suggested that Mr. Rourke be consulted, but Mr. Duncan said he thought it was squarely up to the council. "It is not for Mr. Rourke to say if he wants some one to consult with," concluded Mr. Duncan.

No final action was taken.

School Power Plant

J. V. Kimball, of the Richard D. Kimball Co., engineers, heating, ventilating and electrical, was heard on the power plant proposition for the school buildings as they will be arranged in Kirk street.

Mr. Kimball said his company has had wide experience and he read a long list of buildings for which his company had furnished the power, heat and ventilation. These included everything at Dartmouth within the last 18 years; the power plant at the Tucke $1,000,000 gymnasium, Princeton university buildings, Princeton Theological seminary, Swarthmore college, University of Rochester, University of Maine, engineering building of the New Hampshire agricultural college at Durham, N. H., four high schools in Pittsburgh, Pa., St. Paul's school, Concord, N. H., Phillips Andover and Phillips Exeter; normal school, Lowell; two high schools in New Bedford and two in Springfield.

Mr. Kimball said his company would charge five per cent. of the total cost of the work and that he would not charge anything for preliminary plans. He allowed that the best would be none too good for the plant to be installed in the school circle here. "I thoroughly believe," he said, "that there is no feature or department of a school as important as the heating and ventilating. When you consider that the children spend eight months out of the year in school it is clearly essential that they should get the best there is."

Still Another Conference

Harold C. Varnum was the next up to speak. He wanted to ask about the sewer through the Chase land. He said that no land damages had been paid and none was being asked, but the owners wanted a right of way made a matter of record. There had been no sewer assessment bill rendered and there was no money concerned. Mr. Varney asked for right of drainage as well as the right of way over the sewer.

City Solicitor Hennessy said the estate could give the city a deed in which would be reserved the right of drainage and right of way—an easement of travel.

Mr. Hennessy said he thought it would be dangerous to use the land above the sewer for planting purposes.

Mr. Putnam thought it would have been better to have paid for the land and assess the sewer. He said the city might want to put a street through there some day. The length of the sewer and the Chase land is 435 feet and the assessment would be $2 a foot. Mr. Varnum said he thought there was little danger of a sewer ever being put through there.

The matter was referred to the mayor and the city solicitor.

Next week is "Quarter Week" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

CONTRACTOR GAY DEAD

Built Over 300 Houses in New Bedford Since 1876—Erected Many Summer Buildings

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 23.—George W. Gay, a contractor and builder, died at his residence here early today.

Since Mr. Gay came to New Bedford in 1876 he erected more than 300 residences in this city alone, and besides this number he built many of the fine summer places at the nearby shore resorts.

WILSONS ASTONISH GUESTS

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 23.—From early yesterday morning until after dark President Wilson and his bride motored over winding roads and through unbridged creeks. When their bespattered car returned to the hotel here last night, they had traversed many miles and had crossed the West Virginia line to visit White Sulphur Springs.

At White Sulphur Springs the couple created a stir by walking into the public dining room of the principal hotel for luncheon.

GERMAN WAR REPORT

BERLIN, Dec. 23, via London.—The war office announced today that the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf captured earlier in the week by the French, had been regained by the Germans.

The text of the statement is as follows:

"Western theatre of war: During hot fighting yesterday a brave regiment of the 82nd landwehr brigade recaptured the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf. The enemy suffered extraordinarily severe losses and left 23 officers and 1539 men in our hands. We are now busy clearing some portions of a trench on the northern slope which is still occupied by the French.

"The figures given in the French report of yesterday evening regarding the fighting around Hartmanns-Weilerkopf on the 21st instant are exaggerated by at least one-half. Our total losses, including all the killed, wounded and missing, so far as at present ascertained, amount to 1100 men.

"There is nothing to report from the eastern and Balkan theatres of war."

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House Dresses 50c to $1.00
Corset Covers in holly box 50c
Night Gowns, in holly box 98c
White Skirts in holly box 98c
White Skirts in holly box $1.49
Combination in holly box 98c
Princess Slip in holly box 98c
Ladies' Sweaters 98c to $2.50
Flannelette Kimonos 39c and 69c
All-Over Aprons 39c and 54c

USEFUL GIFTS FOR MEN

Flannel Shirts 79c to $2.00
Neglige Shirts 50c
Sweaters 50c to $2.50
Arm Bands 10c to 25c
Braces, boxed, pair 25c
Raincoats $3.00 to $10
Umbrellas 50c to 98c
Corduroy and Canvas Coats, Blankets and Fur Lined $2.00 to $6.50
Winter Caps 25c to $1.50
Underwear 39c to 79c

USEFUL GIFTS FOR BOYS

Hockey Caps 25c to 50c
Umbrellas 50c
Rubber Coats $2.00
Overcoats $2.00 to $7.50
Suits, 2½ to 17 years $1.98 to $7.98
Indian Suits 98c to $2.00
Blouses 25c to 50c
Pants 50c to $1.25
Gloves, pair 15c
Caps 25c to 45c

USEFUL GIFTS FOR GIRLS

Rubber Capes $1.98 and $2.50
Umbrellas 50c
Dresses 29c to $1.98
Underwear 25c to 45c
Hose, pair 12½c

USEFUL GIFTS FOR THE HOUSE

Cotton Blankets, pair 65c to $2.98
Cotton Puffs $1.50 to $4.00
Wool Puffs $3.00 to $12.50
Down Puffs $5.00 to $19
Wool Blankets $3.00 to $20
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NAMED BY GOV. WALSH

Thomas H. Buttimer Appointed Judge of Juvenile Court of Boston—Other Appointments

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Governor Walsh yesterday appointed Thomas H. Buttimer of Hingham to the much coveted position of judge of the juvenile court of Boston; reappointed Charles W. M. Williams of this city to a clerkship of that court, and hurled a bombshell into the state board of registration in dentistry by appointing Drs. George H. Payne of Boston and William M. Sullivan of North Adams in the places of two of the present members of the board.

The governor also appointed Joseph B. Ely of Westfield to the position of district attorney of the western Massachusetts district, to take the place of the late Clarence Niles, and named Andrew N. Maxon of Blackstone for the position of clerk of the second southern Worcester district court.

Approves Mullane

Fourteen other appointments were also sent to the council by the governor.

At its session yesterday the council approved the appointment of Dist. Atty. Ely and of Edward B. Mullane, whose appointment to the board of boiler rules was strenuously objected to by several people.

All of the other appointments were put over by the council until the next meeting, which will be the last regular session of that body. It is regarded as certain at the state house that nearly all of these and the other appointments, action upon which is pending, will be either rejected or allowed to die by the council.

The governor did not name the new head of the state police yesterday, but stated that he expected to do so before the end of this week. It is understood that this appointment, which has been hanging fire for several months, will be made today or tomorrow.

Nearly all day was spent by the council in a lively hearing, which it held on the appointment of Dr. Lester Howard to be the head of the state board of animal industry. The hearing was continued this morning.

Other Appointments

The other appointments made by the governor were as follows: Frederick W. Ryan of Lynn, master in chancery; Francis H. Caskins, Jr., of Danvers, vice Trustee Donahue, resigned; Chas. F. Gettemy of Boston, and Charles A. Southworth of Swampscott, members of the board of publication; David E. Crawford, Boston, master in chancery, Suffolk county; Walter J. Donovan, Adams, clerk of the fourth district court of Berkshire; William J. Sullivan of Lawrence, medical examiner, Essex county, vice Medical Examiner Dow; Joseph H. Milliken of Dighton, trustee, Independent Agricultural school of Bristol county; Charles A. Gleason, No. Braintree, trustee of the Massachusetts Agricultural school; Justin E. Varney of Lawrence, trustee of the Independent Agricultural school, Essex county; Edward E. Ginsburg of Boston, trustee, Worcester State hospital, vice Gage, resigned; Ernest L. Hunt of Worcester, associate medical examiner, Worcester county; Edwin E. Thayer, Attleboro, master in chancery, Bristol county; John F. Hayes of Fitchburg, board of registration in pharmacy.

AMERICAN WOMAN HELD

MARIA GOODRICH MOSELEY UNDER BAIL IN LONDON COURT ON ABDUCTION CHARGE

LONDON, Dec 23.—Maria Goodrich Moseley, an American, was remanded for a week at the West London police court yesterday, charged by the police authorities with removing her niece, aged 14, from the possession of and against the will of the latter's mother, Helen Moseley Drewry. Bail was fixed at 200 pounds.

Counsel on presenting the case of the prosecution, said both Miss Moseley and Mrs. Drewry were Americans. Miss Moseley, he declared, arrived in England from the United States Dec. 11, stayed at her sister's flat, and became attached to her niece. Four days later, counsel said, Miss Moseley left the house after a disagreement. Half an hour later the girl Helen, disappeared and her mother since has been unable to find her.

In the witness box Mrs. Drewry said that when she asked her sister where the child was, Miss Moseley declared she knew nothing about her. When she repeated the question later, witness said, Miss Moseley replied that she would not tell, adding that "it might incriminate" her. Mrs. Drewry testified that her sister had said the girl was perfectly safe and on being asked how she knew this, had said the girl had called her on the telephone and told her so.

Counsel for Miss Moseley said the defendant throughout had asserted that she did not know the whereabouts of the girl and asked that she be released on her own recognizance. To this the magistrate replied:

"No, I cannot do that. It is a serious charge and I want substantial bail."

M'CALL TO HOLD COLE

GOVERNOR-ELECT SATISFIED WITH ADJUTANT GENERAL—NAMES S. R. MILLER SECRETARY

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Governor-elect McCall yesterday announced that he will reappoint Adjutant General Chas. H. Cole of the state militia.

The governor-elect also made official announcement that he has selected Stanley R. Miller of Winchester as his private secretary, and Henry F. Long of Topsfield as assistant secretary.

Adjutant General Cole's reappointment will, it is believed at the state house, be received with satisfaction in military circles. The adjutant general is a democrat in politics but has never carried his politics into public office. He was appointed to his present position by Gov. Walsh last year, shortly after his resignation as fire commissioner of Boston was accepted by Mayor Curley and after the governor won his fight to oust former Adjutant General Gardner Pearson of Lowell.

Mr. Miller is a law partner of the governor-elect and a neighbor of his in Winchester. He is a graduate of Harvard class of 1903 and of Harvard law school, class of 1906. He has never been prominent in politics.

Mr. Long was a member of the house of representatives in 1914 and 1915. This year he served as the house chairman of the committee on public service and a member of the committee on rules. He was regarded as one of the abler younger members of the legislature.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Following the regular meeting of Centralville lodge, 215, I.O.O.F., held last evening in Odd Fellows building on Bridge street, the initiatory degree team held an important rehearsal. The degree will be conferred on Dec. 29, when the election of officers will also take place.

Betsy Ross Sisterhood

A well attended meeting of Betsy Ross Sisterhood, 70, Dames of Malta, was held last evening with Queen Esther Mathilda Cilley presiding. Considerable business was transacted. It was voted to have the mistletoe party on January 3. A short entertainment was given at the close of the meeting.

Union Rebekah Lodge

The annual election of officers of Highland Union Rebekah lodge took place last evening in Highland hall with the following result:

N.G., Etta C. Watson; V.G., Alice Chamberlain; recording secretary, Grace L. Gillis; financial secretary, Grace Milberry; treasurer, Gertrude Houston; trustee, P.N.G., Rebecca Clark. Installation will take place the first meeting in January. The entertainment committee prepared a surprise in the nature of a Christmas tree, each member receiving a present, after which an oyster supper was served. There was a large attendance.

REWEIGHING OF COAL

DRASTIC INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY STATE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 23.—Drastic instructions relative to the reweighing of coal are contained in a letter addressed to all sealers and deputy sealers of weights and measures and issued by Thure Hanson of Worcester, state sealer of weights and measures. In this letter Mr. Hanson states that "especial attention should be given by the sealers of weights and measures to the reweighing of coal in transit during the winter months. From annual reports filed with me by local sealers, I find that in many instances this important branch of the work has not been attended to as it should have been."

The commissioner then goes on to request that a large amount of this work be done and states that he is not in accord with the method in force by some of the sealers. The law gives a sealer the right to stop a coal wagon on the road and direct it to the nearest scale to be weighed, to then have the wagon return to the same scale after the delivery and weigh the tare; and also to examine the certificate and take a copy of it.

The old method used by some of the sealers is to wait at the scale for the return of the wagon after the gross weight has been taken and then weigh to ascertain the net weight of the coal. This custom must be abandoned by order of the commissioners, who sets forth in the letter the proper manner in which to reweigh the coal.

"The only proper way to reweigh the coal," says Mr. Hanson, "is for the sealer to follow the load of coal from the time it leaves the coal yard, and have the same reweighed upon some proper scale and then proceed with the load until it has been delivered, returning with the wagon to the same scale as it was first weighed upon, reweighing the tare. But a very few of the sealers throughout the state have reweighed coal in this manner. Therefore, I wish to impress the necessity of all sealers to doing the above noted. There is absolutely no protection for the public if the sealer simply stops a load of coal, reweighs it and upon return of the vehicle reweighs the tare. If a driver wishes to be dishonest he can unload a bag or more of coal between the time of reweighing and delivery, and the sealer would have no knowledge of the loss. This has been done in some instances to my knowledge.

"I also wish to impress upon the sealers the necessity of having all coal weighed by a sworn weigher and requiring the certificates to be made out correctly, and that the weigher sign his full name and not the initials. My attention has been called to instances where sworn weighers' certificates had been made out the day previous, and another party reweighing the coal in the morning had given out the certificates to the drivers. This is absolutely illegal. Examine all certificates and see that they are made out correctly.

"Your attention is also called to the necessity of notifying all coal dealers in your town that all divided loads should be weighed separately."

HOYT.

TO PUNISH BULGARIAN OFFICERS

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Athens correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co. sends the following:

"In reply to representations made to the German and Bulgarian governments regarding the Koritza incident in which a Bulgarian detachment in alleged pursuit of a small Serbian force crossed the Greek frontier, the Greek government has received assurances that the Bulgarian officer responsible will be punished."

SPENCER, KELLY AND MARION WILDER
Appearing at B. F. Keith's Theatre All This Week

AMUSEMENT NOTES

OPERA HOUSE

With an advance sale of seats which exceeds all other attractions, "The Big Idea" which is this week's offering of the Emerson players at the Opera House promises to break all the season's big records, and unless patrons secure seats early many are certain to be disappointed. Never before has there been such a rush for seats for any play offered in this city in the past quarter century and never before has any play suited the appeal of the theatregoers as greatly as "The Big Idea." As many who can should arrange to see this play today or tomorrow because there is a tremendous demand for seats for the holiday. On Christmas, the matinee starts at three o'clock instead of two fifteen, and to be certain of seeing this play on the holiday, it is best to order seats for the matinee, as there are only a few seats now left for the evening performance. Reservations will be made by 'phoning 261.

"The Big Idea" is an unusual play and a play which tells a wonderful story with comedy and drama so interwoven that it appeals to the emotions of all. James Howard, a wealthy banker, is in need of $22,000 to settle some financial difficulties. His son is about to commit suicide so that his father may obtain the $25,000 insurance on his life when Elaine Foster, a young newspaper girl, breaks in upon them, and offers a suggestion as to how to secure the much wanted money. How they succeed makes the basis of the story of "The Big Idea," yet the authors have woven in many sub-plots which thrill and amuse throughout and gives the play all the qualities of good entertaining. For a solid year, this play ran at the Fulton theatre, New York, and for two months broke all records for business at the Plymouth theatre in Boston.

Homer Barton gives a splendid performance of Richard Howard while Frances Woodbury makes a charming and lovable Elaine Foster. The play gives the Emerson players opportunity to appear in different roles and Joseph Crehan, Edward Nannary, Walter von Boekman, Darel Goodwin, Gilberta Faust, Richard Barry, Frank Wright, and others appear to great advantage in their various characters.

Order your seats now. Do not wait until it is too late for this attraction is positively limited to this week only and those are unable to secure seats will miss one of the grandest treats ever offered in Lowell theatricals.

Next week, the Emerson players will present the brilliant play of New England life, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" which has been secured for one week's production by special arrangement with Kate Douglas Wiggin and Charlotte Thompson, the authors. Rebecca was originally produced in Lowell and because of the fact that it is now being produced here for the first time at popular prices, there is great interest, and all Lowell will see this play.

Miss Ann O'Day, the popular leading lady of the Emerson players will return to the cast next week, after a two weeks' rest, and will play the title role of "Rebecca." Miss O'Day is certain of a wonderful reception, and already there is a big demand for seats.

Sunday afternoon and evening, the Opera House will offer a splendid program of vaudeville and picture features with five big acts and as many reels of the newest comedy and dramatic subjects in photo play. Just watch the papers for further announcement of this splendid Sunday show.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

A holiday bill is never really complete unless there is well placed thereon an act which makes a real appeal to children. And this week, at the B. F. Keith theatre, the act which will make any kiddie sit right up and take notice is that being given by Derkin's Animal Novelty. This is in reality not the usual animal act, for the dogs and a pair of monkeys carry on a little pantomime for full 15 minutes without the appearance on the stage of any human being. And they do their level best to act and look like human beings. They use only two legs, instead of the four given them by nature, and never a slip is there in their work. The special favorite of the lot is Rusty, the dog who is in the spotlight all of the time, and whose specialty requires that he spend most of his time in sitting on a keg. It is a most unusual performance, and one which will make its appeal not alone to children, but to the majority of grown-ups. Kenny & Hollis, the original college boys, do about everything any team can. Kenny is as original a man as stands on the stage today. He is always good. And another very bright pair are "Skeet" Gallagher and Irene Martin, as classy a duo of funmakers and dancers as ever comes to us. Spenser Kelly and Marion Wilder, with Miss Maloney, violinist, and Miss Haynes, pianist, gives "Melodies, Past and Present," and others acts on the bill are:—The Three Floods, inimitable acrobatic comedians; McShane & Robinson, blackface comedians, and the Ramsdell Duo, dancers. Tickets may be obtained in advance. 'Phone 28.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

Starting with the performances today at the Merrimack Square theatre and lasting until the change of program Sunday, Maclyn Arbuckle, big and jolly as ever, will appear in the five-act Paramount picture "The Reform Candidate," which is an absorbing story of home and politics and this picture gives the insight into the inner workings of a political ring. Such a subject is always of interest to everyone but when Maclyn Arbuckle appears in the play it is triply interesting. Determined to break the unscrupulous husband but equally determined to befriend the brave, loyal wife, "Boss" Hoke is face to face with a staggering situation in the climax of this five-act Paramount picture, "The Reform Candidate." The revenge he wreaks upon the one and the magnanimous restitution to Mrs. Grandell probably as splendid a character as a photo-play has brought out in years, precedes a smashing surprise when they find that May Hoke, the adopted daughter of the "boss," is the long lost daughter of Grandell's after all. The role of "Boss" Hoke, the political genius, is played by Mr. Arbuckle himself, while to Myrtle Stedman is left the interpretation of May Grandell's character. This is but one of the pictures from now on, which will be shown during the coming season at the Merrimack Square theatre, and which have never been equalled in the past in this city. There are other big surprises in store for the patrons of this theatre in the near future. But this is not the only picture worthy of note which will be shown at this theatre during the next three days commencing with today. The rest of the program consists of a large number of other exceptionally fine pictures, each one of which you will thoroughly enjoy. Be sure to see this show at your earliest opportunity.

OWL THEATRE

"The Rosary," the famous photo-drama that is considered to be as good as any good sermon, will again be the attraction at the Owl theatre today. Featured in this seven reel Selig Red Seal picture are two of the famous stars of the movies, Kathlyn Williams and Charles Clary. Many other excellent photoplays will also be presented at the Owl today.

JEWEL THEATRE

Hobart Bosworth in a stirring five reel film version of "Colorado" by Augustus Thomas is the feature booked for Friday and Saturday at the Jewel theatre. This wonderful play has been produced in a vivid, dramatic manner, and a select cast interprets the different characters in a wonderfully realistic manner. Some inspiring western scenes are seen in the different reels, while some of the mine scenes are dramatic to the extreme, as well as utterly unusual. A scene that is especially strong, is the blowing of dynamite that imprisons four persons in the bottom of the shaft. And similar risky things happen to the characters. Five other pictures shown.

SKOULOUDIS WANTS TO RESIGN

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Athens correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co., writing under date of Tuesday, sends the following:

"The cabinet is sitting in council tonight, and important decisions are expected. The aged premier (M. Skouloudis) finds the strain of office very heavy and is anxious to resign, now that the elections are over and there is a majority for M. Gounaris. The latter, however, at the present juncture does not desire to assume the reins of government, and would rather continue the support of the present ministry composed of leaders of all parties.

"The central powers are concentrating their forces in the Gievgeli sector (in southeastern Serbia) and are expected to take the offensive this week."

B. A. HAWKSLEY DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 23.—B. A. Hawksley, a close friend and adviser of the late Cecil Rhodes, died in London Tuesday, it is announced.

Mr. Hawksley was a trustee of the will of Mr Rhodes.

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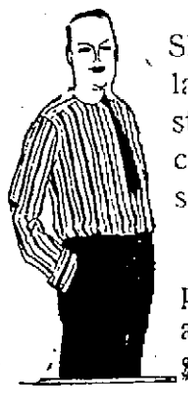
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IS THE PRESS SUBSIDIZED?

Certain apologists for foreign governments in this country and agents working in a propaganda to create favorable sentiment towards some of the belligerent powers have made the claim that the American press is subsidized. Acting on the cue thus given, many newspaper readers who, for one reason or another, do not like the tone of foreign despatches, have come to make the same charge, and almost any casual war discussion on the street will bring out the fellow who declares "The papers do not tell the truth; they are all subsidized by England." Once in a while one hears the contrary assertion that the papers play up the German victories and do not give credit enough to the British, or the French or the Russians, as the case may be.

Charges that the American press is subsidized are sheer nonsense. Unquestionably there are papers devoted to the interest of one side or the other, but these are not generally included in the popular conception of the "press." Such papers are either avowedly biased, or are so one-sided that after a few issues they are quoted as prejudiced against one side. They do not, as a general rule, try to deceive the public by posing as neutral papers, and those who read them realize that they are reading news matter and editorial matter that are published with the intention of creating a favorable public sentiment for the side they champion. Because of the American attitude, German sympathizers have waged a more active propaganda along these lines than pro-British agents, and "The Fatherland" is a typical, though extreme, sample of these papers.

Coming to the daily papers generally, many of the leading papers of the country have engaged special writers or experts who write of the war from a more or less personal and biased viewpoint. At least two of the larger Boston dailies have such writers, but again they are frankly one-sided, and the papers in question do not strive to give any other impression. Generally speaking, these writers are of the nationality of the power whose exploits they praise, but many who do not agree with them read their articles, realizing that they have more value than the opinions of the average citizen. Regular readers of the papers which have experts on their staffs recognize their bias and one does not expect the English point of view from Anthony Arnoux or the German point of view from Richard Harding Davis or Rudyard Kipling. There can be no valid objection to the employment of these one-sided experts, provided the paper is honest in presenting their views, and it is not unusual to see side by side the conflicting views of writers or speakers who champion the respective causes of opposing belligerents.

So far as the great mass of American papers go, they publish the war news just as they get it. There is not in the world a more efficient service than the Associated Press, the chief consideration of which is to secure news that has a real news value. Now the Associated Press sends over the wires the despatches from the foreign capitals just as they come, and the papers rush them into type without coloring them in the least in favor of one side or another. If a great German victory is reported, the headlines tell of it; if the allies have done or claim to have done something brilliant, the papers likewise feature it. It may not be always possible to keep a delicate balance in the matter of headlines and the location of news, but as a general proposition the newspapers publish all of the war despatches that come over the wires. The papers are concerned mostly with the news value of the story, and the news columns are a faithful reflex of the war news as it comes. That England has influenced the American press by a subsidy is too foolish to be taken seriously, and it does not seem possible that the great newspapers which publish the most rabid views of one-sided experts receive any foreign compensation for so doing. The smaller propagandist papers may be directly supported with funds from one of the warring nations, but such papers cannot deceive anybody. The real live American dailies, however, are free from the financial influence of any of the foreign powers. The American papers that lean editorially towards one side or the other do so honestly and only because they consider it their duty to stand for democracy, justice and truth, and the reader who reads The Sun or any other paper in the Associated Press news service may rest assured that he gets the news unchanged, just as The Sun gets it from the foreign capitals. The subsidized newspaper is one that writes up the news of one side and either suppresses or writes down the news of the other side. It will be noted, of course, in the war news that each of the belligerent powers exaggerates its victories and minimizes its defeats. Russia and France are perhaps most candid and accurate in their official statements. Germany has a disposition never to admit defeat and when she suffers a reverse at one point she generally reports a victory at another battle front or else summarizes the losses of her adversaries for the preceding month which usually makes a very formidable statement. Thus the official statements of the belligerents in reporting any battle or military movement are usually contradictory; but for this the press is not to blame. The intelligent reader can easily perceive where the exaggeration lies and draw fairly accurate conclusions as to the actual facts in the case.

These contradictory reports more than anything else, perhaps, are responsible for the assumption by the inexperienced that the press is subsidized or unfair, whereas the press is faithfully publishing the dispatches issued by the belligerents. It must be remembered that the news of this war is not gathered by press correspondents at the front but comes directly from the war offices of the belligerent powers. This is the first war in which war correspondents at the front have been eliminated. They could not safely accompany the troops on any of the battle fronts except they lived in the trenches and that would not be permitted. Hence the press is dependent for its news almost wholly upon what the belligerent powers wish to give out. The censors are very busy men and it is doubtless because of their activity that we do not get more accurate and more complete war news.

"MUST COMMAND SEAS"

The annual report of the navy general board, headed by Admiral Dewey, makes the startling suggestion that the American navy should be increased so enormously and so promptly that by 1925 it shall be equal to the navy of any other nation of the world. "The navy of the United States," says the report, "should ultimately be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world. It should be gradually increased to this point by such a rate of development year by year as may be permitted by the facilities of the country, but the limit above defined should be attained not later than 1925." In suggesting this extreme measure the board frankly confesses to a change of front, saying that the war has taught America that it must be ready not only to defend its coast but to command the seas and, if necessary, drive the enemy's merchant marine to cover.

If this change in our naval policy is necessary, America must face some unpleasant facts. First of all, the Monroe Doctrine must get a new interpretation. Pan-Americanism must be set aside and America must take her place among the militarist nations. It will not do any longer to talk of our geographical isolation or the democratic ideals that keep us away from the war-creating diplomacy of the old world. If we have learned the lessons of the war, as to the necessity for a great navy, we must learn the other half of the lesson and also maintain a great army, for England's navy has not sufficed. Can it be that we are ready to throw away all our American traditions and to take on the policies that have brought war and national destruction on the leading nations of Europe?

There are two great faults in this report. It is premature, and the principle urged for the development of a larger navy is wrong. May it not be that the end of this war will result in mutual disarmaments, and an agreement between the belligerents to do away with competition? Why should America be pushed into a radical departure from her ideals by a war, the lessons of which the world has not yet learned or applied? Why not wait until we see how large the largest army and navy shall be? Surely none of the belligerents pine to get at us when this fight is over, and such a gigantic scheme should be pondered long and carefully.

Again, why should we measure our navy by the standards of other nations? International rivalry brought the war on Europe and it would in time bring war and the burdens of militarism on America. While we believe in reasonable preparedness, we regard the proposition of the navy board as amazing.

SUN'S SPECIAL SERVICE

Realizing that many of its readers are intensely interested in the congressional and other Washington news and also in the doings of the state house, Boston, The Sun this season has added to its staff two special writers, one of whom will write of national affairs and the other of state affairs. In the new congressional directory just out The Sun is among the newspapers that have special seats in the press gallery of congress. Special Washington items will be signed "Richards" and the state house items will be signed "Hoyt," and while they will deal with all matters of timely interest, marked attention will be given to news that concerns Lowell and its vicinity. It will be recalled that the Washington correspondent of The Sun gave the first local intimation of the agitation for the navigation of the Merrimack from Manchester, N. H., as it affected the recent report of government experts, and all of the articles from Washington and Boston have been of far more interest than the usual routine news service. These special correspondents will continue to give Sun readers the latest in timely and local topics, and they will occasionally emphasize some side issue that, while ignored by the press generally, will have a very special attraction for Lowell readers. The Sun confidently and with pleasure calls the attention of its readers to these very attractive features, knowing that they will repay steady and serious perusal.

FREIGHT EMBARGOES

Instead of having empty freight cars by the thousands standing on the side tracks waiting for business to pick up, our railroads have so many loaded freight cars on their tracks that they do not know what to do with them. To ameliorate conditions a committee representing all trunk line railroads recently met in New York and declared temporary embargoes on many lines of freight. This committee has now announced that a further embargo is necessary in view of the extraordinary freight supply and the lack of transportation facilities, especially at the docks. Two days ago, the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Lehigh Valley railroads declared stringent embargoes on freight destined for New York, and this can be understood when we realize that there are already over 50,000 cars en route for the congested docks and railroad yards of New York. Congestion at many points is unprecedented, and the country is confronted with problems of shipping and freight transportation generally that must be solved if business is not to be injured seriously.

SARAH BERNHARDT

A report that Sarah Bernhardt is dying has been officially denied. It is well. The passing of kings and queens arouses interest and some degree of sorrow the world over but no ruler of the present would leave the void left by the divine Sarah, if the report that she is dying proved true. No actress has so touched the heart of the world in our time and though she is over 70, neither age nor time have dimmed her glory nor removed the glamor of her art. The flaws and weaknesses of the woman have been lost in the romance of the actress, and those who have listened to the voice of gold in her recent American tours or who have marveled at the grace that still lingers around her have seen in spirit the shadowy generations of the departed who have been moved to laughter or tears by her power. Only a few weeks ago she spoke before a Parisian audience as the spirit of the cathedral of Notre Dame, exultant over the destroyers of Rheims, and it is said that she swayed her audience with the olden power. She has been a wonderful woman and the world hopes that she may be spared for kinder years.

A TILT WITH TEDDY

If the prominence of a man may be judged by the space he fills in the public press, Theodore Roosevelt bids fair to be the greatest American. When he does not jump into print with a whoop or a war cry he is dragged in by somebody who is not afraid to stir up trouble. Such a one is Secretary Garrison, who, in a neat tilt with Teddy a day or so ago showed up some of the pretensions and inconsistencies of our most strenuous one. Mr. Garrison, with delicate sarcasm, welcomes the ex-president to the ranks of the apostles of preparedness, and congratulates him on his change of mind since the time he was president. To the discomfiture of Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Garrison referred back to an order of the then President Roosevelt in 1902 by which the cavalry, infantry and artillery of the nation were reduced and limited. If the Teddy out of office is in favor of preparedness and other popular measures which he would like to father, the Teddy of 1902 was in favor of a reduction of the army as the records plainly show.

CHILD WELFARE BILLS.

Our special representative at the state house calls attention to the fact that no fewer than five important child welfare bills have already been presented in the legislature. One provides for the presence of a parent or guardian when a summons is issued against a minor under 17; another prohibits the attendance of minors as spectators at sessions of the criminal court; a third aims at preventing want in families of minors; a fourth provides for the care of children whose parents are found guilty of neglect, and a fifth provides for the institutional care of dependent minors. These bills reflect the spirit of the times in all relating to humanitarian legislation and shows that Massachusetts is still to be reckoned with in movements relating to the happiness of the people. It is to be hoped that these bills will avoid the coddling and false sentimentality that have made of other well meant laws a cloak for juvenile crime and deleterious influence on the growing generation.

U. S. troops at El Paso have been ordered to return any deliberate firing from across the Mexican border. This news will be welcomed at this side and the new order will prove more effective in quelling lawlessness than many ideal speeches such as were heard in the time of watchful waiting. Bandits must be talked to through rifle barrels and cold lead is a powerful incentive to order.

The English say that the troops left the Dardanelles in an orderly manner; the Turks and Germans say they were disorganized. It is not very important, either way. They have left, according to both sides, and that is the real fact.

The kaiser is ill, they say, the disease as given by the Associated Press being "zeitgewehentzuendung." Is this German for slow consumption—of men and munitions?

Captain von Papen has left here for the trenches. He appears glad to be going and Americans are glad that he is gone.

Santa Claus is neutral; all the soldiers were children once.

SEEN AND HEARD

Success isn't in the cards you're dealt; it's the way you play them.

When father has to economize he tells mother to quit buying the articles of food that other members of the family like and he doesn't.

Do not get the idea that a man is a fire eater just because he spouts hot air.

He Surely Couldn't Boast

A squad of recruits were very busy wasting ammunition at the range the other day—at least, that's what the sergeant called it when he spoke frankly to them.

As time passed without a single hit of any kind being scored, his language grew fierce and more picturesque.

"What, missed again!" he roared at one particularly unfortunate recruit. "I don't believe you could hit a furniture van, my man."

"Oh, you needn't crow, sergeant," retorted the rookie promptly. "You yourself missed a train yesterday."

He Paid the Bills

Gertrude was home for the Christmas holidays, and in her honor the old folks were holding a reception. And in their honor she brought forth her new garments.

Picking up a beautiful creation, she held it up before the admiring crowd and said, "Isn't this perfectly scrumptious? Just think, all this silk came from the little insignificant worm."

Her hard-working father looked a moment, his brow furrowed.

"Gertrude," he said, "that is not the way to refer to your father."

He Had a Good Laugh

A member of the New England Commercial Travellers' club tells the story:

The smart travelling man stood on a corner in the little country village at dusk. He was looking for amusement, and the first object that attracted his attention was an overgrown boy, perhaps 15 years of age, riding a horse that might have come out of the ark.

"Hello, sonny!" shouted the salesman. "How long has that horse been dead?"

Quick as a flash the boy replied: "Three days, but you're the first buzzard that has noticed it."

The travelling man moved on to the hotel.

Teachers' Good Wishes

A week or two ago we read in the news columns of The Sun that John J. Mahoney, principal of the state normal school in Broadway, had been presented a beautiful gold watch by the Teachers' association of Cambridge. As assistant superintendent of schools in Cambridge, Mr. Mahoney endeared himself to the teachers of that city as the following poetic presentation, not contained in the original report of the happy occasion, will attest:

TO MR. MAHONEY
(From the teachers of the Cambridge Teachers' club.)

Though Cambridge very much regrets
It all too soon must lose you—
It boasts itself upon the fact
That it was first to choose you.

Our superintendent you assist;
Tho' thus the work was planned,
He who's in charge will not admit
That you're a second hand.

You've rather been his Minute-man—
As leaders always should.
Both you and he, your hours and days,
Have marked for common good.

We've heard your friends—(nor to your friends
Is such a thought confined)—
We've heard them say that you possess
A jewel of a mind.

And some of those who know you best,
Who've off your virtues told,
Those do contend, yea, every friend,
That you've a heart of gold.

They find of power no thought of dearth,
We'll say this to your face!
None ever yet has thought to doubt
The good works in your case.

You've often had your hands quite full,
Here's reason more than rhyme:
You've had to keep a watch on us,
To keep us up to time.

So, as you pass beyond our gates,
And as you higher climb,
We feel that we're in duty bound
To hold you up to time.

In future, then, where'er you be,
Whate'er you're called to do
The teachers of old Cambridge
Would keep a watch on you.

So they have sought to find the watch
Which best of works should hold,—
For marking all your future time
Within its case of gold.

The gold for lasting truth shall stand,
For friendship fine and true.
For lasting strength surrounding works,
And for their faith in you.

May all your future hours and days
Through true successes lead,
Where much is wrought for common good.
And friends are friends indeed!

Elizabeth H. Richards,
December 7, 1915.

Night Before Christmas

Many inquiries have been received as to the author of the poem which begins:

"'Twas the night before Christmas
when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

For the benefit of those interested the following data will be of interest.

The poem is entitled "A Visit From St. Nicholas."

It was written by Clement Clark Moore, a professor of Greek and Hebrew. He was a resident of New York City and the lines were penned for the benefit of his children, in 1822. It was not until the following year that it appeared in print in the Troy, (N. Y.) Sentinel, and its publication was due to a friend who had read the poem and immediately saw its true worth. Other papers, and later magazines, published it and it was illustrated in many ways. It was never copyrighted and the author never received compensation for it.

The production made him famous. It was translated into many languages and has been prominent in many Christmas festivities, although the name of the author seldom appears.

He was a son of a British officer, born in Chelsea, July 15, 1781.

The memory of Clement C. Moore as the author of the famous child's poem has been for many years neglected. He died at his summer home in Newport, July 10, 1863, and his remains were brought to New York. It is said that the body arrived in the city during the draft riots, and was placed temporarily in the vault in St. Luke's church, in Hudson street. From there the body was removed to Trinity cemetery at Riverside Drive and 155th street, Manhattan, where it remained practically unknown.

The Rev. Milo H. Gates, D. D., vicar of the Chapel of the Intercession, is responsible for the revival of interest in the poet of the Yuletide. For many years Dr. Gates has visited the Moore grave, and last year he inaugurated a custom which is sure to become a fitting part of the Christmas celebration.

The children of Dr. Gates' Sunday school gathered last year at the grave of Moore, sang carols and laid a wreath on the grave as a tribute to his memory. This year the simple ceremony will be repeated, and Dr. Gates has planned to further preserve the poet's memory by a memorial window in the new Chapel of the Intercession, which will overlook the grave.

"Moore is the man who really is responsible for the American Christmas," said Dr. Gates, "because he gave us the Christmas legend. No one ever heard of reindeer and St. Nicholas with his pack, until the poem was written, except a few German and Dutch families. He made the legend dramatic, and gave it form. The poem has been translated and is known everywhere. I was once in the northern part of England, in a little village which seemed as far away from America as you could imagine.

"I visited a schol there, and heard the children recite verses. They knew a surprising number of poems by Whittier, Lowell and others, but when they had finished I told the schoolmaster that I knew a poem of Christmas that I didn't believe his children had ever heard. When I told him it was "A Visit from St. Nicholas," he called up his youngest class and they recited it in unison.

"I don't believe there is another poem as widely known," he said. "Last year I announced from the pulpit that we were going to place a wreath on the grave of a man who had written a poem about Christmas. Before I had really finished the announcement, every child in the room was reciting the verses. There were about 800 children present at the grave last year, and Riverside Drive, just above, was crowded with spectators. We shall keep the ceremony as simple as possible.

"The choir boys will take part, and the children will gather. Carols will be sung, and possibly copies of the poem will be given to the children. I hope to have a memorial window in the new Chapel of the Intercession in memory of Moore."

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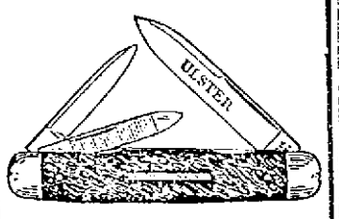

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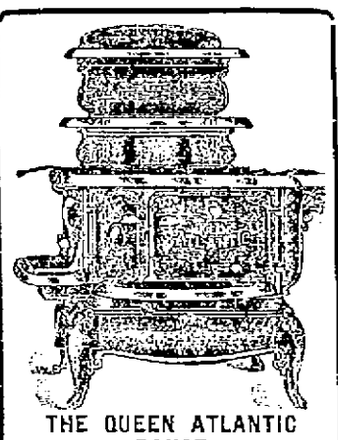

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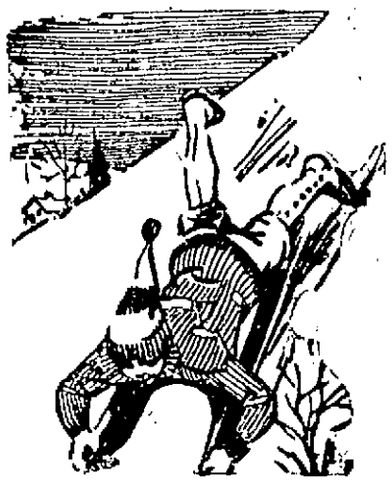

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PRISONERS IN PANIC

HYSTERICAL CRIES FROM 230 IN BRIDGEPORT CELLS DURING FIRE—WORKSHOP DAMAGED

BRIDGEPORT, Dec. 23.—Fire in the workshop of the Fairfield county jail on North avenue caused a small panic among the 230 prisoners last night and did considerable damage to the shop, a three-story brick structure, a wing of the jail.

The prisoners had been locked up for the night, when Jailer Henry Scott heard hysterical shouting from the cells that the jail was on fire. He immediately closed the huge steel doors connecting the shop and the jail and calmed the prisoners.

In the meantime the fire, which had started in an electrically operated machine, spread rapidly to all three floors of the shop. The firemen, by chopping holes in the roof, flooded the building with water and the fire was soon controlled.

Jailer Scott said that after the first excitement the prisoners behaved coolly.

ADOPTS 3 MORE KIDDIES

FORMER BOSTON DOCTOR NOW HAS FAMILY OF NINE CHILDREN—EIGHT FORMER WAIFS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—When Santa Claus glides o'er the roof tops Friday night, he will stop to investigate the capacity of three stockings hanging from the fireplace in 121 East 38th st. He will find the stockings able to hold very little, for their small possessors haven't had the right kind of food, or clothing, or companions. Should it turn out that Santa is only Dr. Charles R. L. Putnam, masquerading in cotton whiskers, it will not at all be necessary to explain who the children are.

Dr. Putnam's little family of children now totals nine. Yesterday he and his wife adopted two little girls and a boy. Emma and May and Arnold, obtaining the decree from Surrogate Fowler. The surname of Pendleton and Bartlett have been replaced by that of Putnam. Emma and May are sisters and will keep their own first names, but Arnold Bartlett hereafter will be Sebastien V. T. Putnam.

The ex-waifs will join the six other adopted children of Dr. Putnam. Emma, May and Sebastien are sickly. That is why Dr. Putnam selected them from the thousands in the children's homes. Like the other children adopted by the Putnams, the two girls and boy have been without the comforts necessary to growing children, but they will be carefully fed on things they should eat and when Christmas is nothing more than a dim memory they will be sent to the other six at North Tisbury, Mass., on Vineyard sound. In the bracing outdoors of the Putnam farm they will be expected to fill out, for the farm's sea air has made little men and women out of the other adopted children.

Eleven years ago, Dr. Putnam, said to be a relative of James Russell Lowell, came here with his wife and son from Boston. Eight years later they adopted twins about a year old. A few months afterward they found Christine Bucale, whose mother had abandoned her at a boarding house. As playmates for little Christine, they adopted Helen Conrad, who had been picked up in the street by a policeman. Soon a boy was chosen as playmate for their own son.

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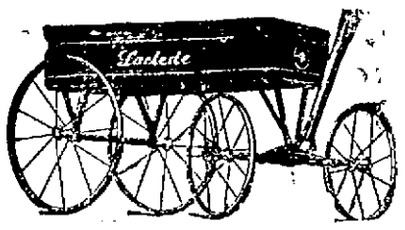

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MUST OBEY TRAFFIC RULE

PEDESTRIANS FACE ARREST IF THEY DODGE IN FRONT OF VEHICLES IN BOSTON STREETS

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—As a result of an amendment to the traffic rules which went into effect yesterday, drivers of vehicles will now have a chance to inform a police officer when some pedestrian dodges across their path, "he should be summoned into court," and they will be within their rights.

Commissioner O'Meara, in a general order last night, issued the following instructions:

"Members of the force will observe that a violation of this rule in common with other traffic rules ranks as a misdemeanor and that there is no authority to arrest without a warrant. Offenders, therefore, may be taken into custody or brought before the courts only when the courts on application grant warrants for arrest or summonses for appearance.

"If the names and addresses of persons offending are known to police officers witnessing the offense, applications will be made in accordance therewith; but if they are not known, such names and addresses as the offenders may furnish on request will be presented to the courts."

The amendment which refers to pedestrians says: "Pedestrians must stop when directed to do so by a police officer." The courts have the authority to impose a fine in cases where this statute is violated.

FOR BEST RAW MILK

STATE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS OFFER OF CUP BY MRS. PUTNAM FOR SHOW IN JANUARY

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The state department of agriculture has accepted the offer of a cup for the best raw milk produced in this state to be awarded at the milk show, Jan. 4 to 6. Mrs. William Lowell Putnam, who offers the cup, makes known her purposes in the following letter to Prof. James O. Jordan of the department:

"I should like to offer at the milk show to be held in Boston, Jan. 4, 5 and 6, a special cup for the best raw milk produced in Massachusetts. As I believe that a perfectly clean and wholesome milk can be produced with ordinary equipment by a man whose methods are clean, and as my desire is to stimulate the production of such milk under such conditions as any farmer can reasonably provide, I desire to exclude from competition all certified milk.

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FANCY CLUSTER RAISINS, pkg	9c	KETCHUP, 10c bottle for	7c
GRAPE JUICE (30c bot., this sale only)	20c		

LAWYER KILLED TWO

PROMINENT LOUISIANA MAN THEN GAVE HIMSELF UP—SAYS ONE OF VICTIMS RUINED HIS LIFE

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—Robert L. Knox, surveyor of customs for the port of New Orleans and prominent Louisiana attorney, shot and killed Benjamin Foster of Hattiesburg, Miss., a close friend and former business associate, and Alexander Fraenklin, believed to be from Natchitoches, La., in the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad depot here yesterday.

According to witnesses, Knox walked into the crowded waiting room and, without uttering a word, drew a revolver and fired three times. Foster, who was purchasing a ticket, was instantly killed. Fraenklin was struck by the second or third bullet and died 20 minutes later. After the shooting, Knox left the waiting room and surrendered to the police.

Dist.-Atty. Holcomb, who attempted to obtain a statement from Knox, declared that all the prisoner would say was: "He ruined my life." It was said Knox apparently did not know Fraenklin had been killed. Relatives of Knox declare that he was suffering from mental aberration, as he and Foster had been friends for many years and no cause was known for a grievance.

Until three years ago, Knox and Foster had been associated with a law firm in Lake Charles, La. Knox opened a law office in New Orleans and Foster went to Hattiesburg when the firm was dissolved, but the two since had maintained friendly relations.

Local authorities said last night they had learned that Knox recently developed mental trouble.

Fraenklin was 74 years old and was a pauper.

BIG STORM IS COMING

POSSIBILITY OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS—STORM IS DUE TOMORROW

Do your Christmas shopping today, because the weather man declares a storm is on the way, and either snow or rain is due in Lowell tomorrow. Today the weather will be clear, although lower temperatures will prevail.

The storm which the forecaster thinks will hit this section Friday is coming from northern Minnesota, where today snow and rain are reported. It depends considerably upon what temperature conditions develop whether it will be rain or snow when it reaches here, but the chances are even for a white Christmas.

FAMOUS PICTURE MISSING

"Peace," the Property of the French Government Has Mysteriously Disappeared

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Albert Besnard's famous painting symbolizing "Peace," the property of the French government, has mysteriously disappeared from the French line pier in this city, where it was received last Thursday from the steamship Espagne. This announcement was made last night by William Francklyn Paris, trustee of the Museum of French Art, to whom the painting was loaned by the French minister of fine arts, with the object of raising relief funds through its exhibition. It was insured for $20,000.

Mr. Paris said last night an express company admitted the receipt here of the picture under seal, but all trace of the package has been lost since it was unloaded.

KILLED HIMSELF BY HANGING

ROCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 23.—William P. Pinkham, 27 years old, a clerk in a local drug store, killed himself today by hanging. He had been despondent for some time because of poor health.

INDIANA MAY MEET HARVARD

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 23.—It was stated here today that Indiana university will be asked to take one of the two vacant places in the Harvard football schedule for 1916. The dates not yet filled are Oct. 14 and 21.

LEASE AMESBURY FACTORY

S. R. Bailey & Co. to Go Out of Business—The Biddle & Smart Co. Will Take Plant

AMESBURY, Dec. 23.—Col. E. W. M. Bailey, late of the S. R. Bailey & Co., builders of electric automobiles for pleasure, announced yesterday that the massive brick building owned by the firm, the largest factory building in Amesbury, containing 150,000 square feet of floor space, had been leased to the Biddle & Smart company of this town, builders of automobile bodies.

The latter firm employs about 600 hands and will double its employes at once. Col. Bailey has assumed the position of factory manager, Mr. Biddle retains the presidency and financial management, Robert H. Hills, the sales management, under the new arrangement. The affairs of the S. R. Bailey company will be closed up as rapidly as possibly.

CLOTHING TORN OFF

Samuel Ranaldi Badly Bruised When Caught in Gears at West Pittsfield Mill

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 23.—Samuel Ranaldi, an employe in the Tillotson mills at West Pittsfield, was hurt this morning in the dye room while oiling a shafting. The shaft power had been shut off, but was started before Ranaldi finished work and his apron was caught in gears and all of his clothing was torn from his body with the exception of his stockings and shoes. Ranaldi was taken to a hospital for treatment of serious bruises.

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FIVE MEN WHO HAVE DESTINIES OF BASEBALL IN THEIR HANDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Peace in the baseball world by means of elimination of the Federal league and the strengthening of the National and American organizations by the financial backers of the independent circuit is now only a matter of a short time. Here are the present arrangements: Philip J. Ball and Otto Stifel of the Federal league are to purchase the St. Louis Browns, Charles Weeghman the Chicago Cubs, and Ed. Gwinner of Pittsburgh to acquire the Philadelphia Athletics from Ben Shibe. Harry F. Sinclair, owner of the Newark team of the Federal league, will retire from baseball. Mr. Sinclair endeavored to purchase a controlling interest in the New York Giants, but the price demanded staggered even this man, whose wealth gushes from the ground in distant Oklahoma. The joint committee kept these facts a secret, but they were learned from a source which is considered authoritative. This war was the most costly in the history of baseball. A few clubs made money, but not many. James E. Gaffney of the Boston Braves said recently: "It cost the backers of the Feds more than $3,000,000 to go through this fight. We had no idea of their losses before this meeting, and I may say without reservation that it was the costliest of all baseball wars. Organized baseball was hard hit, too, especially in the minor leagues. But now that peace is assured we look for a record season in 1916. The game will come into its own with a rush and will be played where the fans want it to be played—right out on the diamond." Picture No. 1 shows James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal league; No. 2 Ed Gwinner, head of the Pittsburgh Federal league club; No. 3 Ban Johnson, president of the American league; No. 4, John R. Tener, president of the National league; No. 5, Garry Herrmann, chairman of the national baseball commission.

FEDERAL LEAGUE

Passes Out of Existence With Signing of Peace Treaty—Its History

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Numerous law suits over the claims of players, financial tangles, tempting offers to the stars of organized baseball, and a maze of developments are written on the pages of history of the Federal league, which today passed out of existence.

Chicago men, Chicago capital and two of the well known Chicago ball players were chiefly responsible for making the Federal league.

James A. Gilmore, president of the organization, and Charles H. Weeghman, president of the Chicago club, developed the organization. Joseph Tinker and Mordecai Brown, veterans of the Chicago "Cubs," were the first stars to go to the Federals, and their example brought other players from the forces of organized ball.

The league was formed in 1913 by John T. Powers of Chicago. Six clubs composed the circuit—Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Covington, Ky. When President Gilmore succeeded Powers the Covington club was switched to Kansas City, and the six clubs which wound up the 1913 season furnished the nucleus of the organization which waged war against organized baseball for two years.

The big surprise of the Federals was sprung in December, 1913, when President Gilmore announced the signing of Tinker as manager of the Chicago club and Brown as manager of St. Louis. The league was expanded to include eight cities. Alluring salaries were offered the stars of organized baseball and scores of them joined the invaders.

Men of wealth in Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Brooklyn and other cities were interested in the league and costly ball parks were constructed early in the season of 1914. The season ended with a series for the championship between Indianapolis and Chicago, Indianapolis winning.

Before the start of the 1915 season the Indianapolis franchise was switched to Newark, and Kansas City, after a bitter court fight, retained its club, which league officials had threatened to place in the east.

Last January the league attacked organized baseball as a violator of the Sherman anti-trust law. Suit was filed in the United States district court in Chicago. Judge Landis deferred his decision, and has not handed down an opinion. The suit, according to plans, will be withdrawn.

Overtures for peace started in 1914, but did not progress until the close of last season, which was disastrous to ball clubs in nearly every part of the country.

The peace proposals reached a climax only recently, when the Federal league announced its plan to build a park in New York city and launch a team there next spring.

BROWN ELEVEN ENTERTAINED

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The Brown university football players, en route to Pasadena, Cal., for a game New Year's day with Washington State college, rested here today and were guests of local alumni of the Providence college. This afternoon the team went to Evanston for signal drill on the field of the Northwestern university. The eastern men are to resume their journey this evening.

Saturday, January 1st, is "Quarter Day" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

CANADA GUARDS CAREFULLY WELLAND CANAL; GERMANS ACCUSED OF PLOTTING TO BLOW IT UP

Accused of conspiring to blow up the Welland canal one of the most important of the world's artificial waterways, R. E. Leyendecker and Paul Koenig (left and right respectively in No. 2 in the accompanying picture), were held in heavy bail in New York. Through the Welland canal passes much of the grain and other commondities shipped from the west of Canada to the east. Construction of the Welland canal was begun in 1824, and it was first opened to small vessels in 1833. It extends for a distance of twenty-seven miles in the province of Ontario, Canada, connecting Port Dalhousie on Lake Ontario with Port Colborne on Lake Erie. Its chief importance to Canada lies in the fact that wheat and hides may be shipped direct to Europe from middle western Canada by way of the St. Lawrence river. Before the war the annual tonnage through the canal was approximately 1,300,000 tons.

Its size has been increased three times since it was opened, in 1844, 1882 and 1886, the last excavation increasing the depth of the water on the sills to fourteen feet. It is estimated that the total cost of the canal has been about $27,000,000. The annual tolls are about $220,000. The canal is 100 feet wide. It has twenty-six locks, making a rise of more than 325 feet between the two lakes. The canal is well guarded by the Dominion of Canada military authorities. No. 1 shows a squad of cavalry accompanying a steamboat (shown in the picture) through the canal. No. 3 is the holdup of a man seeking to approach the canal and the production of a military pass by him.

INDUSTRIAL AND STORE NEWS

A meeting of the moulders and coremakers who are on strike at the Saco-Lowell shops was held this morning in Trades & Labor hall with Secretary Charles E. Anderson in the chair. A grist of routine business was transacted and the roll call showed every member present. A number of reports when read were greeted with applause. Following the adjournment of the session Secretary Anderson reported no change in the situation. He said that no overtures have been made by either side.

Carpenters' Union, Local 1610

Carpenters' union, local 1610, held a largely attended meeting in the Runels building headquarters last night. Two applications for membership were received and several committee reports were read. Business agent Michael A. Lee reported business to be very good.

Painters' Union

President George Fifield will call the meeting of Painters' union to order this evening after which the members will proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing term. Several important items will come before the meeting tonight and a number of applications for membership will be acted upon.

New Invention

Among the U. S. patents recently secured through the offices of General Gardner W. Pearson is one to Louis Gingras on a pocket tool holding device.

This is a devise used by workmen to hold such tools as carpenters' rules, pliers for workmen and other similar articles in the pocket. It can be instantly attached and prevents the tool from falling out of the pocket even if the user should stand upon his head.

DEATHS

BURKE—Bridget Burke died today at the Chelmsford street hospital, aged 70 years. The remains were removed to the funeral chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

White chinchilla, cut on long, flowing lines, gives this smart effect. A wide belt and huge white pearl buttons are the only trimming except a standup collar of sealskin, which also bands the tilted sailor with its white velvet crown.

MAJ. ROBERT R. MOTON

NEW HEAD OF TUSKEGEE TRACES ANCESTRY FROM MEMBER OF AFRICAN TRIBE

MAJOR ROBERT R. MOTON

Major Robert R. Moton of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., chosen to succeed Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee Institute, the negro industrial school which Dr. Washington founded, traces his ancestry from a member of an African tribe who was captured by a rival chief and sold into slavery to an American in 1755. He was born in 1867 in Amelia county, Va., where his mother was cook and father was a foreman. From the planter's family he received encouragement to educate himself, and when he heard of Hampton, from which Dr. Washington was graduated, he decided to go there. He entered in 1885 and was graduated in 1890. After he had finished at Hampton the negro boy decided to enter the legal profession, but General Armstrong, head of Hampton institute, prevailed upon him to remain at Hampton and help to prepare teachers. He took the position of drillmaster and assistant to the commandant and within a few months was promoted to the rank of commandant. He is associated with many movements for the advancement of his race.

FIRE ON MAIL CAR

BARRINGTON, R. I., Dec. 23.—An examination of an electric mail car of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, which caught fire here last night, disclosed today that 20 of the 27 bags of mail matter were destroyed. Spontaneous combustion in one of the bags is believed by railroad men to have been the cause. The car contained parcel post Christmas packages for Fall River, Newport and surrounding points.

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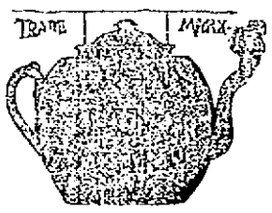

68 MERRIMACK STREET

WATER SUPPLY IS LOW

EXPERT CALLED IN TO ASSIST METHUEN WATER DEPARTMENT

METHUEN, Dec. 23.—Expert advice was sought today by Methuen water department officials on account of difficulty encountered in refilling the reservoir which was nearly drained dry Tuesday night, due, it was supposed to the breaking of a hydrant nozzle in a sparsely settled section. It was thought that the normal depth of 20 feet could be restored by pumping all last night but nine feet of water was all that the register showed today, although Lawrence has been supplying the entire Arlington district section since yesterday afternoon. Fearing that there may be another leak which has not been discovered, the town officials summoned a Boston expert to go over the system.

The fire department would be greatly hampered in fighting a fire under present conditions, department officials say.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

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THE BEST GIFT—DOROTHY DODD SHOES FOR WOMEN

MOST "MURDEROUS" CITY

Memphis Leads World for Homicide Race—New York Law Abiding City—Boston 20th in List

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The most "murderous" city in all the world is Memphis, Tenn., where 63.7 persons out of every 100,000 lose their lives by violence, according to statistics for the decade 1904-1913, prepared by the Spectator, an insurance journal, in an article on the "Homicide record of 1914."

Six other southern cities hold records for "killings" while New York city—Manhattan and the Bronx—with its enormous population, is a peaceful, law-abiding place, ranking 16th in the 30 registration cities used.

Murder is not only increasing at an alarming rate but statistics show that the predominating method in American murders is by firearms.

A state of lawlessness and indifference to human life is shown in Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Kentucky. The seven principal cities in these sates have the record of leading the 30 American cities used as a registration area for the country.

Boston Stands 20th

The 30 cities arranged in the order of "killings," together with the rate per 100,000 of population, are:

Memphis	63.7	New York	6.1
Charleston, S.C.	52.7	Dayton, O.	5.5
Savannah	28.4	Pittsburgh	5.3
Atlanta	26.9	Providence	5.2
New Orleans	25.3	Boston	4.8
Nashville	24.3	Baltimore	4.6
Louisville	16.6	Brooklyn	4.5
St. Louis	12.9	Philadelphia	4.2
San Francisco	11.8	Buffalo	4.0
Cincinnati	11.0	Minneapolis	3.7
Chicago	9.5	Reading, Pa.	3.5
Seattle	8.1	Rochester, N.Y.	3.3
Spokane	7.8	Hartford, Ct.	3.0
Washington	7.5	Newark, N. J.	3.9
Cleveland	6.1	Milwaukee	2.2

There were 11,981 homicides in the 30 cities for the decade, or an average of 7.5 per 100,000 of population for the whole area.

The figures for 1914 show 1153 murders for the same area, at the rate of 8.5 per 100,000 population, which, if continued for 10 years, would make the total for the decade 1820.

Assuming that the recorded murder death rate for the registration area may be safely applied to the whole country, more than 50,000 human lives have been deliberately sacrificed. The increase in murder in 1914 as compared with the 10 years ending 1913 was most marked on the Pacific coast and in southern states, the latter having always led.

Comparative Figures

The eastern cities show the murder of 4.9 persons of of every 100,000 population for 1904-1913, and 5.1 persons for 1914; the central cities show 5.6 for the decade, and in 1914, 5.4, while the southern cities show 18.2 for the 1904-1913 decade, and 20.5 for the year 1914, and Pacific coast cities show 10, and an increase to 12.8 for 1914.

Among males 62.8 per cent. of the deaths were caused by firearms, and among females 52.2 per cent., while cutting or piercing instruments caused 15.7 per cent. of deaths among males, and among females 12.7 per cent. The mortality was highest between the ages of 25 and 34 years.

The reason for the increase in murder is given as the inadequacy of laws regarding deadly weapons.

"The means of murder are entirely too convenient," says the Spectator. "The pistol-carrying habit in many sections of the country is an evil of the first importance."

The number of murders in the United States is about 100 for every 13 committed in England and Wales; 30 in Australia, 31 in Prussia and 56 in Italy.

CAPT. IVES MADE COLONEL

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 23.—Captain Ira Ives, U.S.A., retired, president of Norwich university, was last night elected colonel of the Vermont National Guard. He succeeds Col. Herbert T. Johnson of Bradford, who resigned recently. Lieut. Col. Fred E. Thomas of Montpelier was also a candidate for the colonelcy.

"ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE" WOMEN RIDE, TAKING PLACES OF MEN AT FRONT

Women acting as motorcyclists "on his majesty's service," like the young woman in the picture, are common sights nowadays in England, since so many male motorcyclists are at the front. They serve the military authorities as dispatch bearers and in other ways.

Our Jewelry Sale

Of Alberteon's stock is still on. Have you chosen any of it for Christmas gifts? We bought this large stock at a big reduction and are selling it the same way. Bracelets of all descriptions for Ladies, Misses and Children. Lockets and Chains, Watches, Rings, etc., etc. Space doesn't permit us to itemize prices. Also sales on all kinds of wearing apparel to suit every member of the family. Most things put up in Christmas boxes. Large size Ladies' Bungalow Aprons will be sold for 15c during this sale

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SECOND ANCONA NOTE

Makes Good Impression at Vienna—Reiterates Demands of Original Note

VIENNA, Dec. 23, via London, 5 p. m.—The new American note regarding the Ancona has made a good impression here.

An early answer may be expected. Work on it already has been begun.

NO ROOM FOR EVASION

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Few of the leading newspapers comment today on the latest American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona.

"The note is quite polite," says the Daily News, in an editorial, "but it leaves no room for evasion. Thus there can no longer be doubt as to the real gravity of the crisis. Left to herself, Austria would probably meet the ultimatum with defiance, but whatever else happens it is certain that Austria cannot and will not be left to herself in this matter.

"The gravity of the situation consists in the fact that a breach with Austria must almost inevitably involve Germany. It may still be possible for Germany to avert the threatened storm by forcing Austria to do public penance, but this can scarcely be done without great damage to the prestige of the central powers.

"From the viewpoint of civilization nothing better could happen than that America should be able without an open breach, to force upon the central powers a public acknowledgment of their violations of the laws of humanity. No sensible man knowing America's great neutral services can desire a rupture between her and the central powers."

TEXT OF NOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The reply of the United States to Austria's note on the destruction of the Italian liner Ancona declares that the official admission by the Austrian admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she had stopped and while passengers still were aboard, alone is sufficient for the American demand for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander.

Sec. Lansing's second note, already probably in the hands of the Austrian foreign minister and made public here yesterday, renews the demands of the United States and says that the details to which Austria alluded in her reply to the first American communication are in no way essential to the discussion. It emphasizes that continuance of good relations between the two countries depends upon the action of the Austrian government. The full text of the note, which is addressed to American Ambassador Penfield, follows:

"The government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Viennana on Dec. 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

On Nov. 15, 1915, Baron Zwiedinek, the charge d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone is, in view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having wilfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea. In view of these admitted circumstances the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report and the number of Americans killed or injured, are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in any case established and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.

The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus wilfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them.

The government of the United States therefore finds no other course open to it than to hold the imperial and royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite but respective demands made in its communication of the 6th of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoining statement of its position will enable the imperial and royal government to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them.

LONDON PAPER'S COMMENT

LONDON, Dec. 23.—"America clearly has made up her mind there shall be no repetition of the evasion which attended the Lusitania correspondence," says the Westminster Gazette. "By all ordinary precedents Austria is left but one alternative to concessions to the American demands and that is breaking off diplomatic relations."

The Gazette believes it to be probable that Austria will conciliate the United States rather than take an extreme step, as recall of the American ambassador would be an injury to the central powers, whose present disposition it says, is to keep on as good terms as possible with America.

Referring to the last American note to Austria, the Manchester Guardian says:

"This was not the mood of the American despatches to Germany on the sinking of the Lusitania, but there are reasons for the greater severity that is now shown. For Germany, since the sinking of the Lusitania, has promised not to sink passenger steamers without warning and unless they are resisting the right of search. This promise, though made on behalf of Germany, must also be held to bind Austria, the more so as there is some suspicion that the submarine which sank the Ancona may be German.

"The strongest position of the United States was that taken up in the first notes of the sinking of the Lusitania, that submarine war on commerce was necessarily inhumane and in violation of international law. It is a pity the United States ever receded from that position."

The Guardian concludes with the remark that if America carries her present point, the protection of neutrals and non-combatants will be greatly strengthened.

DEATHS

TRAINOR—Mrs. Ellen (Dwyer) Trainor, a well known young woman of North Billerica, died yesterday at her home in Billerica avenue, aged 25 years. She leaves her husband, John; one son, Dennis; a daughter, Margaret; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dwyer; one sister, Mrs. Mary Kemp, and a brother, Frank J. Dwyer. Deceased was an attendant of St. Andrew's church, North Billerica, and a member of the Holy Rosary sodality of that church.

McGRATH—Redmond McGrath, aged 23 years, a well known young resident of this city and a conductor for the Bay State Street Railway Co., died last night at his home, 31 Sargent street. He is survived by a father Redmond; three brothers, Maurice J., Daniel J. and Lawrence F.; two sisters, Julia and Gertrude. He was a member of the Bay State Street Railway employes' union and a prominent member of the Broadway Social and Athletic club.

FUNERAL NOTICES

McGRATH—The funeral of Redmond McGrath will take place Saturday afternoon from his late home, 31 Sargent street. Time to be announced later. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Peter H. Savage in charge.

CLARK—Died in this city, Dec. 21, at her home, 853 Andover street, Mrs. Lily A. Clark, aged 56 years and 9 months. Funeral services will be held at High Street Congregational church on Friday afternoon, Dec. 24, at 2 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck.

WORDEN—Died in this city, Dec. 21st, 1915, at St. John's hospital, Mrs. Elizabeth O. Worden, aged 83 years, 3 months and 11 days. Funeral services will be held at the Edson cemetery chapel on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

TRAINOR—The funeral of Mrs. Ellen (Dwyer) Trainor will take place on Friday morning from her home, Billerica avenue, North Billerica, at 8 o'clock. At St. Andrew's church a funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery, Undertakers J. J. O'Connell & Co. in charge.

JUDGE—The funeral of Mrs. Esther Judge will take place Friday afternoon from the home of her nephew, 762 Gorham street, at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Edson cemetery. Undertakers J. J. O'Connell & Co. are in charge.

FUNERALS

TARJ—The funeral of Joseph Tarj, infant son of Jacob and Tekla Tarj, took place yesterday at 1 o'clock from the rooms of Undertakers Amedee Archambault & Son in Merrimack street. Burial was in the family lot in the St. Casimir cemetery, Pelham, N. H.

GOSS—The funeral of Mrs. Eudora Goss was held at her residence, Trull street, North Tewksbury, yesterday at 9 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Alfred C. Skinner, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church. Burial was in the family lot in the cemetery at Walpole, Mass. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

PARESKY—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Paresky, Lowell's oldest Hebrew resident, took place yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home, 154 Howard street. Relatives and friends in large numbers from this city and Haverhill, Boston, Lawrence and other places were in attendance. Burial was in the Hebrew cemetery, Pelham, N. H., under the direction of Undertakers Archambault & Son.

HARRINGTON—The funeral of Francis Harrington took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late home, 166 Chapel street, and was largely attended. A funeral high mass was celebrated in St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock by Rev. W. George Mullin. The burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. W. George Mullin read the burial services. The bearers were Messrs. Edward, John and Bernard Harrington, Edward Burke, Hugh McQuade and Joseph Galvin. Among the floral tributes were a large cross from the bereaved wife and children, a pillow from the family, and tributes from Kate and Lucy Egan, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McQuade, Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. Burke, Delia Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lappin. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Charles H. Molloy.

SKEFFINGTON—The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Skeffington took place this morning from her home, 63 Mt. Grove street at 8.30 o'clock and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends including a number from out of town. The cortege proceeded to St. Columba's church where at 9 o'clock a mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Thomas Buckley. The bearers were Mr. Gately, Frederick Buckley, Carmelius O'Leary, John Fallon, Michael Donaghue, and Robert Ward. At the grave Rev. Fr. Buckley read the committal prayers and the burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

LUTZ—The funeral of Mrs. Albert Lutz took place this morning from her home, 16 Dracut street. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock at St. Jean Baptiste church by Rev. Joseph Boidue, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Augustin Graton, O.M.I., and Rev. C. A. Paquette, O.M.I., as deacon and sub-deacon. The bearers were Ludger and Arthur Bernier, Samuel Gill, Wilbrod Sawyer, Gustave Bousquet and Ernest Trudeau. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. L. A. Nolin, O.M.I. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Amedee Archambault & Son.

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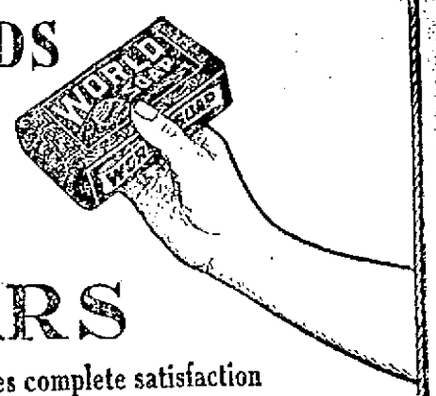

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Last call for changes for the Lowell Directory for 1916. All changes of recent date must be sent at once to Prince's Book store or to the board of health.

Fletcher street has been called the Atlantic avenue of Lowell and it ought to be the first street to be paved next year. It should have been attended to long ago.

Miss Vernona de Cort, for three and a half years office assistant at the Y.W.C.A., leaves tomorrow to accept a position with the Morgan Memorial house in Boston.

A slight fire in the property of the W. H. Bagshaw estate on Warren street caused the telephone alarm shortly before 6 o'clock last evening. The damage was slight.

Dr. Samuel A. Clement of this city has been reappointed house physician and assistant instructor in contagious diseases at the Massachusetts Homeopathic hospital, Boston.

Thomas Mohan, who has been in St. John's hospital suffering from injuries in an accident on the railroad at Chelmsford, has been moved to the state infirmary at Tewksbury.

A very pretty miscellaneous shower was held last night at the home of Miss Alice Bullard of Gilbride terrace in honor of Miss Margaret Hayden who is soon to become the bride of Mr. James Bell, both prominent residents of this city. There were plant selections by Miss Anna Wilson. Those in charge of the affair were Miss Jennie Bartlett, Miss Alice Bullard and Miss Katherine Allen.

WANT FAIRBANKS ON BALLOT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. Dec. 23.—Sixty out of the 92 counties in Indiana have sent in petitions asking that the name of Charles W. Fairbanks be placed on the ballot for the primary next March, for the preferential vote for the republican nomination for president, according to a statement made today by L. W. Henley, secretary of the republican state central committee.

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TRIAL OF NEW HAVEN MEN

No Argument for Dismissal of Indictment Against Rockefeller Individually Will be Made

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—No argument for the dismissal of the indictment against William Rockefeller individually will be made by his counsel at his trial with ten other former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad on the charge of conspiring to monopolize commerce under the Sherman anti-trust law. This became known today when Judge Hunt inquired, while hearing individual argument for other defendants, how many more there were to be heard. Counsel for two responding brought the total number to be heard to ten and it was then learned that Richard V. Lindabury, counsel for Mr. Rockefeller, did not intend to make an individual plea for his client. He will rest his chances on the general plea already made for the dismissal of the entire case.

Mr. Rockefeller is the only one of the defendants whose tenure of office as a New Haven director has extended throughout the entire 25-year period of the alleged conspiracy and the only participant in alleged unlawful acts committed long before most of his fellow defendants became directors.

Judge Hunt at the morning session heard argument in behalf of Charles F. Booker. Pleas for D. Newton Barney and Edward D. Robbins were to be heard this afternoon, after which the court was to hear the answer of government counsel.

THE ARGUMENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Argument by counsel for the defense on the motion for dismissal of the anti trust case against the eleven former directors of the New Haven railroad, was resumed today with a plea in behalf of the defendant, Charles F. Brooker, by Goldthwaite H. Dorr Judge Hunt indicated that he would entertain a motion to strike out a portion of the government's testimony against Brooker having to do with the alleged suppression of trolley line competition. This consisted of a letter written to Brooker by the late John M. Hall, former president of the New Haven, requesting him to use his influence with a Connecticut legislator to prevent the construction of a trolley line. Mr. Dorr raised the point that the line was not mentioned in the indictment. Judge Hunt said that that was in accord with his recollection and that he would strike the letter out if, after examining the record, such proved to be the case.

Mr. Brooker, president of the American Brass Co. and former member of the republican national committee, was longer a member of the New Haven directorate than any other defendant on trial with the exception of William Rockefeller. He joined the board in 1894. Beginning with that date his attorney took up seriatim the various acquisitions made by the New Haven, and sought to show the court the benefits that ensued, and argued that Brooker, inveting for these acquisitions was inspired by "practical business common sense." There was nothing in the evidence to show, the lawyer maintained, that his client had "a criminal purpose."

Judge Hunt, in the course of the attorneys' argument, conceded that "moral obliquity is not necessarily involved in the statute."

"By this, I mean," he continued, "that moral turpitude may be entirely out of the case as distinguished from a malignant heart, a perverted mind, or a wilful determination to cheat or steal.

"Always, however, there must be found in proof of a conspiracy, the purpose to violate the law, either recklessly to disregard the law or intentionally to violate its provisions."

TODAY'S STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK MARKET

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Am Best Sugar	69½	69½	69½
Am Can	60⅞	60⅞	60⅞
Am Car & Fn	77⅞	77¾	77⅞
Am Cot Oil	53¾	53¾	53¾
Am Locomo	70	69	69¾
Am Locomo pf	101¾	101¾	101¾
Am Smelt & R	106¾	106¼	106¼
Am Sugar Rfn	116¼	115¾	116¼
Anaconda	89⅞	89¼	89⅞
Atchison	106⅝	105½	106½
Atch pf	101¾	101¾	101¾
Baldwin Loco	118½	116	117¾
Balt & Ohio	93¾	92⅝	93¾
Br Rap Tran	87½	87	87½
Calif Petroleum	32⅞	31¾	32
Calif Petrol 1st	61¾	61⅝	61¾
Canadian Pa	181	179½	181
Chile	24⅝	24⅛	24½
Cent Leather	53¾	52¾	53¾
Ches & Ohio	63	62	62
Chi & Gt W	15	15	15
Col Fuel	51⅞	51½	51⅝
Consol Gas	145½	144¾	145¼
Crucible Steel	74¼	73	71
Dis Secur Co	49½	47½	49¾
Erie	42¼	41½	42¼
Erie 1st pf	56¾	55⅝	56½
Gen Elec	174¼	173½	173¾
Gt North pf	126	125¾	126
Gt North Ore ctf	49	47½	49
Illinois Cen	107	107	107
Int Paper	12½	12½	12½
Int Paper pf	49½	49	49¾
M. M. C.	76⅝	74⅝	75¾
M. M. C. 1st	101½	101⅞	101½
M. M. C. 2nd	56¾	55	55¼
Kan City So	71½	71⅛	71½
Lehigh Valley	82¼	81½	82¼
Mexican Petroleum	105⅞	103	105½
Missouri Pa	4	4	4
Nat Lead	66½	65¾	66½
N Y Air Brake	137½	136½	136⅞
N Y Central	107½	105¾	107½
Nor & West	122⅞	120¾	122½
No Am Co	73	72½	72¾
North Pacific	117⅛	116¾	117⅛
Ont & West	31	30½	31
Pennsylvania	59¾	59⅜	59
Pressed Steel	65	65	65
Pullman Co	165¾	165¾	165¾
Ry St Sp Co	44	44	44
Reading	82¾	81⅞	82⅜
Rep Iron & S	65¼	54¾	55¼
Rock Is	16¾	16½	16⅝
St Paul	94¼	93¾	94¼
So Pacific	102½	100¾	102½
Southern Ry	23	22¾	23
Southern Ry pf	62	61¾	62
Studebaker	169	165¾	167¾
Tenn Copper	61⅛	60	60¾
Third Ave	60½	59¾	60¾
Union Pacific	138⅞	137	138⅛
Union Pac pf	83	83	83
U S Rub	54¾	54⅛	54¾
U S Rub pf	109½	109½	109½
U S Steel	86⅞	86¼	86⅞
U S Steel pf	116⅞	116¾	116⅞
U S Steel 5s	103½	103½	103½
Utah Copper	80¾	80½	80½
Westinghouse	69¾	68⅞	69
Western Un	87	87	87

BOSTON MARKET

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Copper stocks were still the leaders when the local exchange opened today. Calumet & Hecla gained 10 to 460 and Osceola advanced 2 to 89 The demand was fairly broad and in good share lots.

COPPERS AND OILS LEAD

FEATURE OF OPENING—INVESTMENT SHARES AT BEST PRICES IN LATE TRADING

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Coppers and oils were again the leaders at the outset of today's moderately active market, with the usual neglect of more seasoned issues. Initial gains of substantial fractions to a full point were recorded by American Smelting and Utah, Anaconda and Tennessee Coppers while Mexican Petroleum rose a point to the new record of 103 7-8. U. S. Steel scored a fractional advance at the opening, soon adding to its gain. Such specialties as Crucible Steel, Studebaker and American Car also were slightly higher, with a further demand for Mercantile Marine.

Profit-taking exercised the usual effect, but recoveries were prompt, Mexican Petroleum extending its gain to 105 1-2, while Smelting rose almost a point to 106 1-4. Steel was offered in large blocks, one 5000 share lot selling at 86 3-8. New York Central denoted further accumulation, advancing ¾ to 106 1-2, its top price in two years. Unusual activity was shown by Lake Erie and Western common and preferred, and New York, Chicago & St. Louis at substantial gains, but Eries were distinctly heavy. General Motors fell 19 1-4 to 479¾ and Bethlehem Steel 5 to 465. Bonds were irregular, with diminished dealings in Anglo-French fives.

Trading broadened and the pace quickened in the early afternoon, rails contributing materially to the general improvement. General Motors was an exception, however, continuing its decline to 456.

Investment shares were at best prices in the late trading, while specialties, notably oils, were lower. The closing was strong.

MONEY MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mercantile paper 3 and 3 1-4. Sterling: Sixty day bills, 4.68 3-4; demand, 4.72 3-4; cables, 4.73 5-8. Francs: Demand, 5.86; cables, 5.85. Marks: Demand, 76 1-2; cables, 76 9-16. Guilders: Demand, 43 1-4; cables, 43 5-8. Lires: Demand, 6.57; cables, 6.56. Rubles: Demand, 31 3-4; cables, 32. Bar silver, 54. Mexican dollars, 41 3-4; government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular. Time loans weaker. Sixty days, 2 1-4 and 2 1-2; ninety days, 2 1-2 and 2 3-4; six months, 2 3-4 and 3. Call money steady; high 2; low, 1 3-4; ruling rate, 2; last loan, 2; closing bid, 1 3-4; offered at 2.

BOSTON MARKET
RAILROADS

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Boston Elevated	81¾	81¼	81¼
Boston & Maine	34	33¾	34
N Y & N H	75¾	74¾	75¼
MINING			
Alaska Gold	25¾	24⅞	24⅞
Allouez	62	60	61¾
American zinc	69⅜	68½	69
Arcadian	10¾	10½	10½
Arizona Com	7⅞	7¾	7⅞
Butte & Superior	67¼	66¾	66¾
Cal & Arizona	70½	70	70½
Cal & Hecla	565	560	560
Centennial	18	17½	18
Chino	55½	54¼	55
Copper Range	61½	59½	61
E Butte	16¾	15⅞	15⅞
Franklin	10	9½	9¾
Granby	84½	83¾	84
Greene-Cananea	51¼	50½	51
Hancock	18	17¾	18
Indiana	5½	5½	5½
Isle Royale	29	29	29
Lake	19½	19	19
La Salle	5	5	5
Mass	13⅝	13	13
Mayflower	4	3¾	4
Miami	35	34⅝	34⅝
Michigan	2	2	2
Mohawk	95	94	94½
Nevada	15¾	15¾	15¾
North Butte	32⅛	31¾	32
No. Lake	2½	2½	2½
Old Colony	3½	3½	3½
Old Dominion	61	58¾	60
Osceola	90	88	89
Quincy	90	88½	90
Ray Con	25⅝	25	25⅜
Santa Fe	1	3½	3¾
Shannon	7¾	7¾	7¾
Superior	27½	27	27
Superior & Boston	2½	2¼	2½
Tamarack	50	49	50
Trinity	11	9¾	10½
U S Smelting	50	49¾	50
U S Smelting pf	50	49¾	50
Utah-Apex	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
Utah Cons	13½	13	13½
Winona	3½	3½	3½
Wolverine	60	60	60¾
TELEPHONE			
Am Tel & Tel	124¾	124¾	124¾
New Eng Tel	131	131	131
MISCELLANEOUS			
Am Woolen pf	96	95¾	95¾
Island Creek Coal	50	49⅞	49⅞
Mass Gas	85	84½	85
Pond Creek	16½	16½	16½
Swift & Co	126	126	126
United Fruit	148½	147½	148
United Sh M	51	50¾	50⅞
United Sh M pf	29	29	29

COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Cotton futures opened barely steady. December offered 11.90; January 11.28; March 12.17; May 12.40; July 12.50; October 12.21.

Cotton futures closed steady. December 11.84; January 11.86; March 12.15; May 12.40; July 12.54; October 12.25; spot quiet; middling 12.05.

AN ASSAULT CASE

Carpenter Knocked Senseless by Fellow-Workman—Fined $12

Lorne E. Serviss, employed as a carpenter at the United States Cartridge Co., told Judge Enright in police court this forenoon that he was struck and knocked unconscious by a fellow workman at the plant Tuesday afternoon and that since that time he has been suffering from a nervous trouble caused by the blows. The defendant in the case was Charles Killpatrick, a carpenter from Boston, who entered a plea of not guilty.

The assault occurred in a building under the process of construction at a spot where Serviss and his "working mate" were nailing some boards. Serviss claims that Killpatrick approached him and said that the work was not being done properly. He told him if that were true, the foreman should give the orders for changes instead of Killpatrick. An altercation followed, it is alleged, Killpatrick drawing off and pounding Serviss under the left eye. The witness said he remembered no more for several minutes and when he came to he found that the back of his head was bruised. He staggered home, he said, and got into bed with his clothes on and did not realize anything until the following morning. Since then he says he is stricken with frequent weak spells as a result of the effect of the beating up he received.

A carpenter working with Serviss said that he heard the argument between the two men but was standing with his back turned and did not see the struggle. When he turned both men were lying on the floor, Killpatrick being on top. The witness said he did not see any blows struck.

"Are you afraid of this defendant?" asked the court.

The witness, small in stature, appeared surprised an answered: "Me! He may be bigger than me, but I ain't afraid of him. I never was afraid of anybody and nobody ever licked me."

The defendant admitted the trouble but said that he struck only in self-defense. "When that man raised his hand to hit me, I struck him first," he said. The court found Killpatrick guilty and imposed a fine of $12. He paid.

Michael Shamus, accused of assault and battery, pleaded nolo and had his case placed on file. There were a few drunken offenders who paid fines.

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SUED BY LASTERS' UNION

UNITED SHOE WORKERS OF AMERICA CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY —AFTERMATH OF INJUNCTION

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Officers and members of the Lasters' Protective Union of Lynn, which has been temporarily enjoined from maintaining a strike in Lynn upon complaint of the United Shoe Workers of America, have brought a bill in behalf of the union against the United Shoe Workers of America, saying that the members of the United Shoe Workers have entered into a conspiracy to injure, ruin and deprive them of a livelihood.

They further say that the defendants have maliciously notified several shoe manufacturers that they were not members of the defendant association, have induced their discharge and have induced employers from hiring them and have threatened employers that if they continue to employ many of them their business will be injured.

They ask that the United Shoe Workers, their officers and members, be enjoined from doing these things.

FAMOUS PAINTER DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Arthur Hughes, last of the pre-Raphaelite painters, died at Kew yesterday. He was a friend and fellow worker of Sir John Millais, Gabriel Dante Rossetti, William Holman-Hunt, John Ruskin and William Morris.

RICH QUITS BOSTON & MAINE

General Solicitor of the Road Resigns to Enter Private Practice—Solicitorship Will Remain Vacant

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—President James H. Hustis, of the Boston & Maine railroad, yesterday announced that Edgar J. Rich, general solicitor of the road, has resigned the position to enter private practice on Jan. 1.

President Hustis says that the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Rich will not be filled. Charles S. Pierce, he says, will continue as general attorney of the road and later a new position will be established to relieve the president of some of his present responsibilities.

JUDGE SEAY, 83, DEAD

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 23.—Judge A. J. Seay, former territorial governor of Oklahoma, died at his home here last night. He was 83 years of age.

Over 100 Glasgow university women students have joined the army workers in London.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

E.T. SUMNER DEAD

Oldest Railroad Man in New England—Friend of Gen. Butler

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Eben T. Sumner, one of the oldest railroad men in New England and for 62 years an employe of the Boston & Lowell and its successor, the Boston & Maine railroad, died at his home at Melrose last night, aged 77. He retired from active service last month. In connection with Mr. Sumner's early career as a locomotive engineer, railroad men recalled today that while Gen. Benjamin F. Butler was a practicing attorney in Boston it sometimes happened that he failed to leave his office in time to catch the night train for Lowell. When thus delayed he called at Mr. Sumner's home and the engineer, who was his close personal friend, would make up a special train to take him to Lowell without going to headquarters for authority.

IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Mr. Arthur Glasgow, a veteran of Company I, Fourth Mass. Cavalry, is dangerously ill at his home, 247 Dutton street. Mr. Glasgow fought under General Sheridan in the Civil war.

WINTER LUXURY

This winter luxury is built of seal, richly banded with monkey fur. With it go a chunky muff and a jaunty turban of coral colored silk poplin, laced with a white silk cord and finished with a white ostrich pompon tucked on the right side.

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THE ROTTERDAM ARRIVES

AUSTRIAN ARMY OFFICER TAKEN OFF BY BRITISH—MAIL FROM BERLIN SEIZED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The steamer Rotterdam, arriving at New York today from Rotterdam and Falmouth, reported that while held in the Downs over the night of Dec. 11, until the morning of the 12th, a British patrol came on board and took ashore a stowaway, Arthur Grunhut, an Austrian army officer of the motor corps.

The steamer then proceeded to Falmouth, where, during two days' detention, British authorities took thirty-nine sacks of mail ashore, 18 sacks from Berlin, 11 from Constantinople and 10 from Sofia.

Capt. J. Baron protested without avail that the seizure was illegal and was obliged to accept a receipt for the mail. He was assured, however, that after the mail had been censored it would be sent by another steamer.

Among the passengers were William Thaw, Norman Prince and Elliot C. Cowdin, three American aviators who have been in the French service; Mrs. John Astor, Col. George Harvey and Stanley Washburn of the London Times who has just come out of Russia.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EXERCISES HELD TODAY—GIFTS TO CHILDREN

The annual Christmas exercises at St. Michael's parochial school were held today, with the pastor, Rev. John J. Shaw, and Rev. Francis T. Mullin, as guests of the teachers and pupils. At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus appeared loaded down with gifts and he presented each pupil with a bag of candy and a token of remembrance. The program participated in by the first grades was as follows:

Christmas Hymn, Opening
Christmas Errand,
M. Riley
Birthday of Our King,
A. Heath
A Good Time,
Song by Class
Only Once a Year,
L. Custer, M. Sherry, A. Bagley
Bethlehem,
G. Cote
Christmas,
J. Healey, G. Cote, B. Meagher, T. Callery, H. Custer, L. Hall, B. Burns, L. Judge, W. Irvin.
Jingle Bells,
Song by Class
Made to Order,
A. Emond
A Christmas Story,
G. Hoyt, C. Brady, G. Curley, M. Delaney, L. Montgomery.
I Wrote a Note to Santa,
Song by Class
Story of Christmas,
Girls
Hymn,
Class

Deposit that Christmas money in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. Saturday, January 1st, is "Quarter Day."

TALK ON ART AND FICTION

DISCUSSED BY ALDERMEN—MR. MORSE AND THE MAYOR HAVE OPPOSITE VIEWS

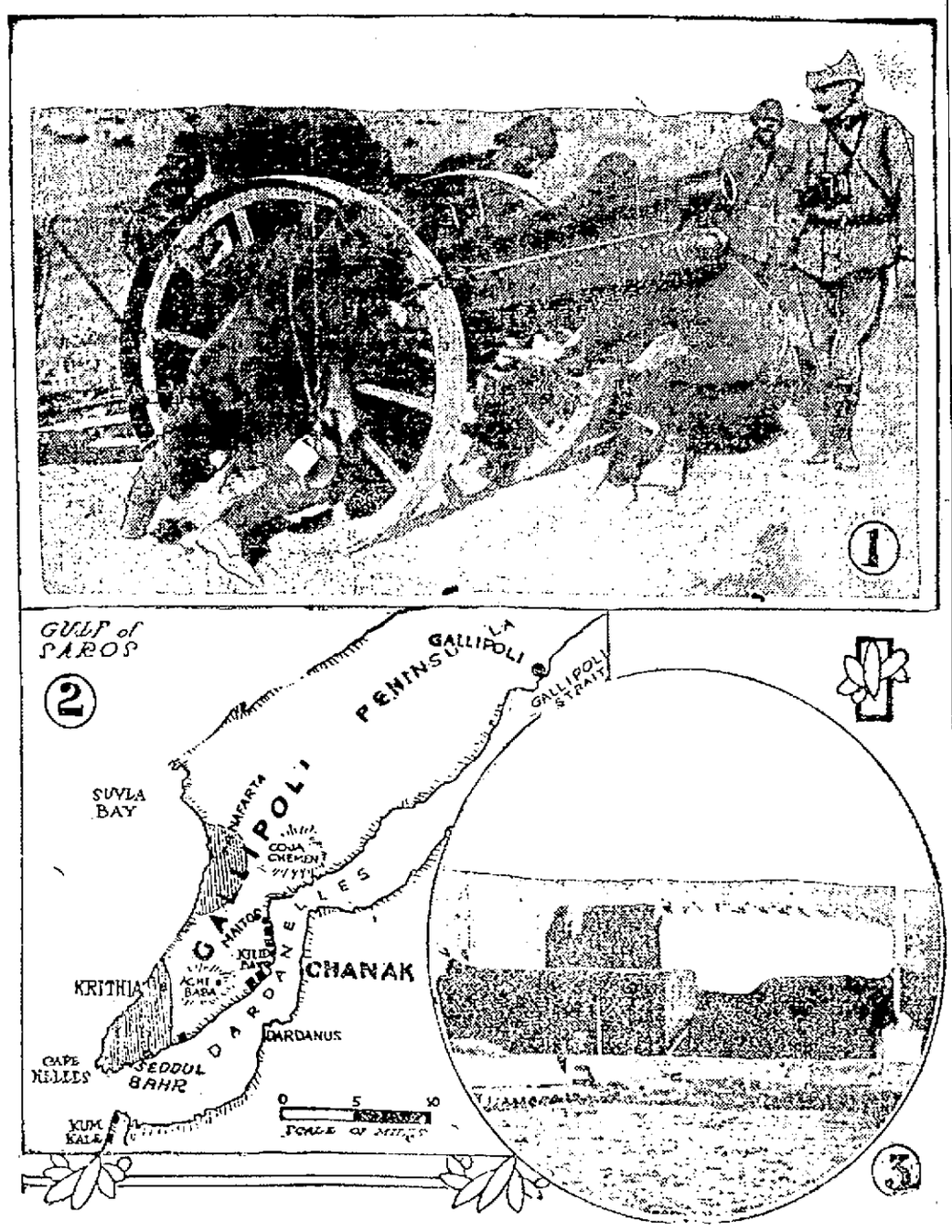
One of the conferences held in the public reception room at city hall this forenoon was productive of a discussion on art that was quite illuminating. The discussion came as the result of the proposition to purchase the war pictures for the Memorial building. In the reception room is a large picture of George Washington, and Commissioner Morse remarked that it wouldn't be a bad idea to touch up the frame a bit. The mayor allowed that to touch up the frame would detract from the antiquity of the picture, and said that its antiquity constituted its value. There is a brass railing protecting the picture, and Mr. Morse allowed that if the faded frame was not to receive a retouching the brass rails ought to be taken away and less brilliant ones put in their place.

The discussion, somehow or other, jumped from art to the library and the use made of the Davis fund. The mayor said the Davis fund was intended for the supplying of luxuries for the library, but that it had been used to buy books and other things. He intimated that the fund had been rather misused by city governments.

Commissioner Carmichael didn't agree with the mayor. He said the reason city governments made different use of the Davis fund than the purpose for which it was probably intended was because of the fact that greater responsibilities were being constantly placed upon the shoulders of city governments, and that the governments were, as a rule, at their wit's ends to make both ends meet. He said that a public library should disseminate knowledge and supplement the schools. He did not believe that public money should be spent for fiction.

This idea of the colonel was set upon by Messrs. Morse and Duncan. Mr. Morse said it was a good thing for the school children to be able after leaving their studies to turn to fiction for recreation, and Mr. Duncan argued that fiction improves the imagination and broadens the view. He maintained, too, that there is lots of philosophy in fiction.

BRITISH WITHDRAW FROM DARDANELLES POSITIONS WON AT ENORMOUS COST



Great Britain and France having abandoned the positions held on the northen part of the Gallipoli peninsula, now maintain only the strip of ground held at the southern tip. The forces transferred have been moved to "another field of operations." They may have gone to Saloniki to help withstand the German attack expected there; to the Suez canal, now menaced by a Turkish army of unknown strength, or they may be concentrated at the southern end of the Gallipoli peninsula. An army of not less than 100,000 men occupied the positions which have been evacuated. They were won at enormous cost and held at enormous loss. It is apparent from the British official statement that the remaining forces on the Gallipoli peninsula are to be held in their present positions for the time being at least. No. 1 in the picture shows Turkish artillery near the Dardanelles which did good work in repulsing British and French attacks. No. 2 shows the two small sectors (shaded) held by the allies for some months at the cost of 100,000 British lives. The position at the tip of the peninsula is still held by the allied forces. No. 3 is the fort at Seddul Bahr.

IN MILADY'S BOUDOIR

THE FOOD WE EAT

The food we eat has much to do with the beauty of our features as well as our disposition and grace, without which there can be no true beauty, even though the features are regular and the face without lines or wrinkles. Useful books on food values are quite in demand by Milady who wishes to stay beautiful and anyone with ordinary intelligence can follow the directions as to beauty, diet and profit thereby.

The four tests to which food must be subjected are as follows: The chemical test shows what percentage of each nutritive constituent the food contains, that is how high it is in protein and how much fat and carbohydrates it contains. The physical test shows how much potential energy there is in it. The standard of heat production is the caloric, which means the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one gramme of water one degree centigrade. Therefore, when we speak of caloric value of food we mean the amount of energy liberated. This is a most important point both to brain and muscle workers.

The physiological test means does the food agree with one. How does it behave in the stomach? Is it easily digested and is it easily absorbed? A food difficult to digest had better be omitted, no matter what proportion of proteids it contains or how high it may be in calories. The fourth test is the economical one. Under this head we must decide whether the nutritive elements can be obtained at a proper and reasonable cost.

The chemical and physical test in relation to food would seem to be the most important, and they would be so if the body was exactly what it is often compared to—a machine. We might feed it with a certain substance strong in proteids, but in such a form that the body could neither digest nor absorb them. It is also true, in a measure, that what is good for one person is not good for another as human machines differ so much.

FINLEY J. SHEPARD, JR.'S STOCKING IS SURE TO BE WELL FILLED

MRS. HELEN GOULD SHEPARD'S ADOPTED SON (WITH NURSE). Photo © by American Press Association

Santa Claus has had no more fortunate youngster on his visiting list this year than young Finley J. Shepard, Jr., the adopted son of Mrs. Helen Gould Shepard and her husband, Finley J. Shepard. The little fellow was photographed as he alighted with his nurse in front of the Fifth avenue home of the Shepards. He is a bright, sturdy lad of five, taken by Mrs. Shepard from an orphanage at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

BASEBALL PEACE

Treaty Signed—Baltimore Protest—Jumpers Immune

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 23.—Peace between the warring factions in baseball was restored when representatives of the Federal league and organized baseball reached an understanding and signed an agreement here last night.

After the signing of the peace pact a telegram was received from Baltimore stating that Federal club officials of that city would try to upset the agreement by requesting Federal Judge Landis in Chicago not to dissolve the anti-trust suit which the Federal league officials' brought against organized baseball.

President Tener of the National league, who acted as spokesman for the peace conferees, said they would go ahead with their plans and ask permission of Judge Landis to withdraw the suit.

Two propositions concerning the International league were left open for settlement by the conferees. One of these was a request by the Buffalo Federal league club that it be consolidated with the Buffalo International league club. This was strenuously objected to by the International league.

The other question related to the Baltimore Federal league park. Jack Dunn of the Richmond, Va., team contended that he had a legitimate right to an International league franchise in Baltimore in the event that peace was declared, and he sought the right to use the Federal league grounds for his International team. However, his figures for the grounds and those of the Federal league were so wide apart that no agreement could be reached. It was finally decided to leave these matters to a committee for settlement. This committee will meet here on Jan. 8, next, the same time as the national commission holds its annual meeting.

By the terms of the peace pact, Charles Weeghman, who was president of the Chicago Federal league club, is expected to become chief owner of the Chicago National team through the purchase of stock in that club from Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati. The agreement further provides for the disposal of the St. Louis Americans to Phil Ball and his associates in the St. Louis Federal league club.

All of the players of the Federal league, including those who jumped their contracts with the two major and the minor leagues, are eligible to organized baseball. No general distribution of players will be made, but the Federal league, which is to assume all of the contracts of players of that organization, probably will sell the desirable men to the highest bidder.

WHITE, ONE PUNCH HERO

BUT HE CLAIMS HE CAN DEFEAT FREDDIE WELSH WITH HIS RIGHT WALLOP

Everyone knows Charlie White's left hook is the best of its kind in the game today and that it is White's chief asset. Yet Charlie comes now to the front with the declaration he will whip Champion Freddie Welsh with a right hand if he ever gets a shot at the championship.

And though most fans may be inclined to think Nate Lewis' boy is chattering through his hat, there is just a chance that his words will come true. For White, in his own way, is a miracle man. Less than three years ago he couldn't punch at all, and was an out-and-out parlor type boxer. Now he is the Dal Hawkins of the lighties—the kayo king of his realm.

If White could change himself completely from a boxer to a puncher, and a wonder at that, isn't it reasonable to believe that he might be able to bring the efficiency of that right hand up to the standard of the noted left? And especially since Welsh has proved that he has a defense for the latter?

White's remarkable punch, which he delivers perfectly—a quick, short hook with a downward snap of the wrist at the instant of landing—doesn't play a big part in his contests with quick, shifty boxers of the Welsh, Mandot, Lewis style. Against this type of fighting machine the Chicagoan usually looks ordinary.

Practically all of his spectacular work has been done in bouts with rugged mixers who are none too fleet of foot. So it was with Matty Baldwin and Milburn Saylor, Gilbert Gallant, Sam Robideau and others—each and every one of whom fell before White's left hook.

Any boxer with a good left hand is hard to hit with a right punch, but just the same White's chances against Welsh would be doubled if he were to develop a right hand to accompany his wonderful southpaw.

Welsh has already proved White has no chance with him over the short route, but in a long test it might be different, considering that White is some six years younger than the champ.

KITTREDGE'S LEAGUE

The battle for first place in Kittredge's league is getting to be exciting. The Suburbans are now holding the premier position, but they are being hard pushed by the Central Five and Dooley's Milkmen. White leads the individual list with Cameron second.

The standing of the teams and individual averages follow:

	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Suburbans	19	5	5324
Central Five	16	8	5412
Dooley's Milkmen	14	10	5308
M S I	12	12	5215
Baldwin A. C.	8	16	5162
Glee Club	3	21	6616

Averages: White 103.7, Cameron 101.5, Hosmer 95.5, Chandler 98.7, Brown 98.5, Pierce 95.5, W. Silcox 98.2, Dyer 98.1, Curtin 97, Paul 96.12, Scott 97.8, Nickerson 95.7, Holland 95.5, Bordeleau 94.7, Montgomery 94.4, S. Silcox 93.14, Keenan 93.11, McNulty 92.6, Dooley 92.9, Prescott 92, Moore 91.6, Mulvey 91.2, Moriarty 90.13, Osterman 90.5.

The high team total record is held by the Suburbans, 1548, and the same team also has rolled the highest team single, 548. Paul, with scores of 134 and 338, holds the individual single and total records.

MAIL HEAVIER THAN EVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The postoffice department received reports today from every section of the United States to the effect that the Christmas mail is heavier than ever before and is being moved without delay.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

TIE IN CITY LEAGUE

KIMBALLS AND CRESCENTS STILL "EVEN STEPHEN" FOR FIRST PLACE

The City Bowling league teams were the attractions on the alleys last night, great interest being taken in the contest for honors in this league. The Kimball System and Crescent quintets are still tied for first place, each team having little or no difficulty in cleaning up four points.

The Kimball System team gave the Carr's a severe trouncing, winning by a margin of nearly 200 pins. Martel of the winning team had a triple of 371, while Flanders put up 352. The Jewels were in good form last night and succeeded in winning three points from the White Ways. Seven of the members of both teams had triples of over 300. The game between the Brunswicks and Crescents was a walkover for the latter team which won every point. Jewett of the winning team was high man. Kittredge's and Bridge St. teams split even.

The Brownies and Pollies' match in the Y.M.C.I. league resulted in each team winning two points.

The scores:

CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Carr's

	1	2	3	T'ls
Lane	93	93	94	280
Wynne	90	84	111	285
Barrows	95	91	104	290
Dwyer	90	103	99	292
O'Brien	92	101	105	298
Totals	460	472	513	1445

The Kimball System

Flanders	133	123	96	352
Myrick	90	119	105	314
Brenann	75	105	85	265
Craib	100	93	137	330
Martel	112	135	124	371
Totals	510	575	547	1632

White Ways

Cole	86	101	121	308
Kittredge	100	106	93	299
Kililae	88	117	95	300
Hall	106	93	103	302
Kempton	95	101	119	315
Totals	475	518	531	1524

Jewels

Farrell	108	119	90	317
Whipple	85	100	109	294
McDermott	97	110	103	310
Jodoin	106	100	110	316
Martin	86	106	100	292
Totals	482	535	512	1529

Brunswicks

Whalen	106	100	102	308
Walsh	85	97	105	287
Mack	82	78	92	252
Dickey	75	84	86	245
Perrin	104	97	91	282
Totals	452	456	476	1384

Crescents

Jewett	111	110	105	326
Concannon	87	107	102	296
Johnson	101	84	93	278
E. P. Donohoe	82	120	93	295
Kelley	91	107	105	303
Totals	472	528	499	1499

Kittredge's

Dooley	86	82	107	275
Moore	101	93	98	292
McCarthy	100	102	107	309
McQuaid	102	103	87	292
Singleton	118	102	94	314
Totals	507	482	493	1482

Bridge Street

Panton	92	90	88	270
Brigham	101	128	100	329
Houston	90	96	91	277
McNeil	90	115	88	293
Devlin	122	105	99	326
Totals	492	534	466	1495

Y.M.C.I. LEAGUE

Brownies

Clark	84	84	112	280
Hebbington	79	79	80	238
T. Doyle	101	102	87	290
Allen	88	80	100	268
Kittredge	95	111	98	304
Totals	447	456	477	1380

Pollies

Lockrie	99	87	108	294
Burns	91	88	84	263
McCaffrey	94	100	93	287
Shea	88	83	99	270
A. Doyle	104	81	87	272
Totals	476	439	471	1386

OTHER GAMES

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Clerks

Mason	83	85	79	247
Bowers	80	93	85	258
Powers	87	90	105	282
Brock	84	76	92	252
Hosmer	96	90	109	295
Totals	430	434	470	1334

B. & M. R. R. Clerks

Carr	80	85	79	244
Donohoe	74	74	87	235
Crowe	80	79	100	259
Walsh	93	79	84	256
Shay	100	109	94	303
Totals	427	424	441	1295

AT Y.M.C.A. GYMNASIUM

DEMONSTRATION OF PHYSICAL TRAINING WORK UNDER DIRECTION OF M. F. FUREY

A splendid demonstration of physical training work was given at the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium last night under the direction of Physical Director M. F. Furey. There was a large attendance and the exhibition of the development during the past three months was surprising to many people. The members of the various classes appeared on the floor, the work of the grammar schools being fully as interesting as that of the seniors.

Among the features of the exhibition were the dumb-bell drill by the students' class, wand exercise by the employed boys and the hygienic drill given by the members of the senior class.

The program was as follows:

Marching boys' classes; free movement exercises, juniors; games, juniors; club drill, juniors; wand exercises, employed boys; gymnasium games, juniors; dumb-bell drill, students; school day antics, students; hygienic drill, seniors; apparatus exercises leaders.

Following the gymnastic program an exhibition of swimming and fancy diving was given in the natatorium which proved to be one of the most interesting events of the evening.

The following program was presented in the pool before a crowd that taxed the seating capacity to the limit.

Junior 20 yard swim: Hart first, Sawyer second, Ryan third. Time, 14 seconds.

Employed boys 40 yard swim: Kittredge first, Whitham second, Buey third. Time, 29 2-5 seconds.

Students 40 yard swim: Dutton first, Washburn second, A. Fletcher third. Time, 26 seconds.

Swimminm strokes were demonstrated by Messrs. Dutton, Kittredge, Whitham, Scott, Washburn, Goodrich and A. Fletcher.

At the gymnastic exhibition Miss Rachel Falls played the piano accompaniment for all the exercises.

THE BANTAM SITUATION

SEVERAL BOXERS CLAIM TITLE, BUT JOHNNY ERTLE SEEMS TO HAVE INSIDE TRACK

To that hopelessly clouded atmosphere enveloping the middleweight division is now added an equally murky condition of affairs in the bantamweight situation. This championship is claimed by nearly a dozen boys and most prominent among them is Johnny Ertle of St. Paul, who is conceded to have the best hold on the title by virtue of winning on a foul from Kid Williams in four rounds a few months ago. Ertle is only a little chap, weighing around 112 and 114 pounds, while Williams finds it very difficult to reduce to 118 pounds, so it can be seen. The St. Paul youngster is a legitimate bantam while the ex-boss of this division is a near featherweight.

Then again there is Pal Moore of Memphis, who gave Williams a severe beating not so long ago in an eight round contest at Memphis. Manager Sam Harris, who directs Williams shouted that it was a home town verdict, but he cannot get away from the fact that Moore spilled the Baltimore Kid on the canvas on two occasions and therefore Pal Moore is rated among the topnotch battlers of the bantam class. But if memory serves me right, Al Shubert of New Bedford gave this same Pal Moore all he could handle and then some, so Shubert should be considered as championship quality.

Shubert has been a steady challenger for the bantamweight crown and Kid Williams has ducked out of a meeting with the "Bearcat" on more than one occasion. The Whaling City boy has beaten several men that have given Williams lots of bother, including Louisianna, who dropped the "Kid" for the count twice over in Philly in a six round battle, and Al Shubert deserves a chance at the title if any boxer does. Let us hope he is fortunate enough to get a bout with the leading men of this class. Now to get back to Kid Williams. Williams has not boxed very much during the past year and when he did perform, he acted as though he was muscle bound, not like the lithe athlete that defeated Johnny Coulon in three rounds and in his last battle, that with Frankie Burns at New Orleans, he did not get started until the 14th round and barely earned a draw, which the crowd hooted, as they were sure Burns should have received the decision.

Ertle has shown his prowess in New York and the Gotham sporting writers boom him to the skies on the strength of his showings in the bouts he has participated in since coming east. He has won every bout with ease, winning three newspaper decisions and two other bouts by the kayo wallop. And Sam Harris can shout Gabriel toots his tuba that they were "native son" decisions, but it won't alter the fact that his opponents floored Williams with clean punches and Ertle was having the better of the bout until Williams fouled him.

Pete Hartley who fought Joe Azevedo to a draw the other night down in New Bedford has been secured to box Larry Burns at Lawrence Christmas afternoon in the feature number. Hartley and Burns will box at catchweights and as both men are legitimate lightweights neither man will tip the beam over 135. Hartley went in as a substitute against Azevedo and gave a grand account of himself and in the 14th round knocked Azevedo through the ropes, which shows that he can deliver a hard punch, as Azevedo has fougnt nearly all the topnotchers, including Ad Wolgast, whom he defeated easily. He has been matched to fight Phil Bloom at Boston next Tuesday, so it can be seen Hartley is a stellar performer. Burns is well known all over New England by his aggressive style and he is a willing worker. Local interest is centered on the Frankie "Young" Walsh-Kid Thomas bout and quite a delegation of Lowell sports have signified their intention of going down river on the holiday to cheer for their favorite.

Joe Azevedo will again show at Boston. The last time the Californian appeared in the Hub he was pitted against Milburn Saylor and he lost a close verdict to the Hoosier lightweight. He will stack up next Tuesday against Phil Bloom of Brooklyn, who gave Johnny Dundee two hard battles recently and has showed marked improvement in every bout. Bloom gave Gilbert Gallant a merry trimming not so long ago over in Brooklyn and his friends expect him to make good against Azevedo.

George LaBlanche, who was mentioned in yesterday's Sun as being the developer of the "Pivot Blow" is a patient at Tewksbury infirmary and outside of a bad foot is feeling fine. LaBlanche sprang into prominence when he knocked out Jack Dempsey, the Nonpareil, by the use of this punch he had perfected and the world was astounded when they heard the great Dempsey was floored by "The Marine" as LaBlanche was called. Dempsey was giving LaBlanche some terrible punishment when suddenly LaBlanche turned his whole body around with his arm outstretched and it landed flush on Dempsey's jaw and it took considerable time before "The Nonpareil" was brought to his senses.

LOWELL TEAM BEATEN

HOLLISTON PUT IT OVER LOCAL FIVE BY A SCORE OF 53 TO 28 AT HOLLISTON

Holliston defeated Lowell last night at the Holliston court by a 53—28 score. The game was fast and interesting despite the one-sided score and Lowell made the opposing team work hard at all times to win. Most of Holliston's baskets came in the last period when McGrath, West and Sullivan ran up a series. Their floor work and shooting in this period was of the whirlwind type. Previous to this time the game belonged to either team.

The three above-mentioned players were recently acquired from the Newport R. I. Naval Reserve team and it was their first game with Holliston. They showed much knowledge of cooperative work all through the game and their passing was masterly.

The Lowell team made the trip to the opposing team's lair without Sam Follansbee and Mulvanity. Hansen filled Mulvanity's place very satisfactorily but Follansbee was greatly missed. The Lowell athletes seemed lost when the ball neared their basket without the Hilly City marvel's wonderful defensive work, and many points were scored as a result of Lowell's inability to get the ball in the danger zone.

Clark was the best point-getter for the local aggregation while Hansen played a fine defensive game. Clark succeeded in caging the ball on three occasions and he was into nearly every scrimmage. Hansen got the jump on his opponent every time, but lack of signals caused the ball to land in the hands of the opposing team frequently. McPherson got the longest shot of the game, a long throw from past the center of the hall.

McGrath, West and Leland corralled 14 points apiece for their team and Sullivan caged the ball twice. Pond did not do any shooting and contented himself with playing a good defensive game in the backfield.

The Lowell team was taken over the road by auto with "Will" Forsythe at the wheel. The team reached Holliston in good season and the trip home was made in record time.

The lineup, score and summary of the game follows:

Lowell		Holliston
Cote lf	rb	Sullivan
Clark rf	lb	Pond
Hansen c	c	McGrath
McPherson lb	rf	West
Lacasse rb	lf	Leland

Summary: Goals by McGrath 7, West 7, Leland 7, Sullivan 2, Clark 3, Hansen 2, McPherson 2, Lacasse 1, Cote 1. Fouls; Lowell 10, Holliston 7. Referee, Gillon. Timer, Simpson. Time: Three periods of 15 minutes each. Attendance, 400.

FOOTBALL CAPTAINS ....

The general belief that a backfield man makes the best captain for a football team is not being followed by the majority of colleges, universities or schools which have already elected their gridiron leaders for next season. A glance at the list of captains already selected for 1916 shows that in 39 out of 52 cases either a lineman or an end has been elected to lead the next season's teams.

The most popular position for the captaincy, however, has proved to be the halfback. End is next in line with 10, and tackle follows closely with 9. Only eight quarterbacks have been chosen for next season, although this position is supposed to be the best for the leadership. Centre, generally conceded to be the poorest place to have a leader stationed, will be filled by six captains in 1916. Five guards and four fullbacks complete the list of captains already elected by the large colleges, as follows:

Harvard, Gilman, tackle.
Pennsylvania, Mathews, tackle.
Yale, Black, guard.
Princeton, Hogg, guard.
Springfield, Sermon, halfback.
Tufts, Westcott, halfback.
Mass. Aggies, Greyson, end.
Trinity, Wooley, tackle.
Holy Cross, Devlin, quarterback.
Williams, La Plante, end.
Amherst, Goodrich, halfback.
Lafayette, Taylor, quarterback.
Chicago, Jackson, tackle.
Minnesota, Boston, end.
Wisconsin, Meyers, end.
West Point, McEwan, centre.
Georgetown, Mahium, guard.
Dartmouth, Gerrish, halfback.
Michigan, Maulbetsch, halfback.
Pittsburgh, Peck, centre.
Illinois, Macomber, halfback.
St. Louis, Plug, quarterback.
Mich. Aggies, Henning, end.
New York, Bernstein, fullback.
Rutges, Sparr, quarterback.
Wesleyan, Deetjen, halfback.
Carnegie Tech., Helstrom, centre.
Northwestern, Driscoll, quarterback.
Stevens, Middleton, centre.
Wake Forest, Parker, fullback.
Nebraska, Corey, tackle.
Lombard, Heller, end.
Georgia, Thompson, end.
Baker (Kan.), Stucky, guard.
Kansas Aggies, Barnes, halfback.
Denver, Bingham, tackle.
California, Montgomery, quarterback.
Miami, Baer, tackle.
Creighton, Platz, halfback.
Cincinnati, Altamer, halfback.
Stanford, Braden, centre.
Phillips-Exeter, Breman, tackle.
Gallaudet, Cuscaden, tackle.
Maine, Gorham, fullback.
Hamilton, Drayton, centre.
Union, Rosecrans, halfback.
Bates, DeWever, end.
Vanderbilt, Curry, quarterback.
Haskell, Williams, end.
Villanova, Lynch, centre.

FRANKLIN 57, LAWRENCE 40

FRANKLIN, N. H., Dec. 23.—Franklin defeated Lawrence Military A. A. of Lawrence, Mass, last night, 57 to 40. Allison, Grant and Waite were the stars. The summary:

Franklin		Lawrence
Grant rf	lb	Waite
Allison lf	rb	Barraclough
McDermott c	c	McIntosh
Guay c		
Kenney rb	lf	Smith
Hamilton lb	rf	Jacobs

Score: Franklin 57, Lawrence 40. Goals from floor. Allison 11, Grant 7, Kenney 4, Hamilton 2, McDermott 2, Guay, Waite 9, McIntosh 5, Barraclough 3, Smith. Points from fouls, Franklin 3, Lawrence 4. Referee, Barnaby. Scorer, Nadeau. Timer, Turcotte. Time three 15m. periods. Attendance, 500.

SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

NEW JAPANESE LINER YASAKA MARU SENT DOWN IN MEDITERRANEAN—ALL SAVED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, which was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean Tuesday by a submarine, while the steamer was on her way from London to Japan with 120 passengers and a crew of 160 aboard, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report received from Port Said from the agents of the owners. All of those on board the ship, including one American passenger, W. J. Leigh, were saved. The nationality of the submarine is not mentioned by the agents and previous reports referred to the sinking of the ship as done by either an Austrian or a German submersible.

The Yasaka Maru was sunk Tuesday afternoon. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said on Wednesday morning. The company provided hotel accommodations for them and is arranging to forward them to their destinations. On the passenger list were 51 men, 54 women and 15 children, most of whom were British subjects. The agents in their report say further:

"The passengers express great admiration for the skill of the captain and officers and for the discipline of the crew. Perfect order was maintained during the embarkation which was carried out with the greatest promptitude."

W. L. Leigh is an American citizen, born in China. His father was a Californian. Mr. Leigh has spent most of his life in China, but recently has lived in England. He was returning to China on the Yasaka Maru to take a position with a business house. His family is in London. Mrs. Leigh has received a cable message saying her husband is safe.

EXCITEMENT IN TOKIO

TOKIO, Dec. 23.—News of the sinking of the Yasaka Maru reached Tokio today and caused great excitement. The advices received here say the steamship was sunk by a submarine near Port Said.

TRIPLE BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

Notable Anniversary at the Home of Mrs. Robillard on James Street Last Evening

A pretty gathering of friends took place last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Robillard, 16 James street, the occasion being a triple anniversary of birth, the parties interested being Mr. and Mrs. Robillard's two sons, Rosario and Heria, and a brother of Mr. Robillard, L. J. Z. Robillard.

The three were presented each a gold watch. The first presentation was that to Rosario, which was made by the uncle, while Heria's gift, which was donated by his mother, was presented by Undertaker Adelard Bourgeault. The third watch was presented by Dr. G. E. Caisse. Following the presentations a literary and musical program was in order, those taking part being Dr. G. E. Caisse, Z. A. Normandin, Alfred J. Ducharme, E. J. Dupont, and others. A buffet luncheon was served and the guests departed at a seasonable hour after extending their best wishes to the celebrants and the hosts.

LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Bridget McGarvey, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by James E. O'Donnell, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, thirty days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

James E. O'Donnell, Attorney. D23-30-J7

HELP WANTED

MEN wanted to shovel coal. Apply Horne Coal Co., 251 Thorndike st.

AN AMERICAN GIRL wanted to give private lessons in English and mathematics with privilege of rooming at same location. Write D 85, this office.

MAN wanted, from 20 to 30 years of age, for store work; must give good references. Address H 75, Sun Office.

HIGH CLASS MEN wanted to sell trees, shrubs, rose vines, berry bushes, bulbs; etc.; good wages; permanent; exclusive territory. Chas. R. Fish & Co., Worcester, Mass.

WANTED

Weavers and finishers. Apply Lyon Carpet Co., West Adams St.

GIRLS WANTED

Over 16 years of age.

Apply Labor Dept.,

U. S. Cartridge Co.

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TENEMENT to let, 3 rooms with gas, $1.50 per week, adults, at 22 Ellwood ave.

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FURNISHED ROOMS to let, with board. Inquire 464 Bridge st.

FURNISHED ROOMS to let; modern conveniences; 19 Rockdale ave., near Fletcher st.

TENEMENT to let, downstairs, 7 rooms, all modern improvements, sunny location on corner. Apply 266 Pleasant st., cor. Rogers st.

COTTAGE of 11 rooms, to let at 94 Butterfield st.; pantry, bath, furnace and nice barn. Inquire at 52 Butterfield st.

5-ROOM FLAT to let, Nov. 1st: 171 Walker st.; steam heat, open plumbing, electric lights and all modern improvements. Apply Farrell & Conaton, 243 Dutton st.

OFFICE—Large office, 34 by 14 feet on the second floor of the Harrington building, 52 Central st., good light and ventilation, for rent. Will be partitioned off to suit a desirable tenant and will be rented or leased at a very reasonable rent. Apply to Building Manager, 401 Sun Bldg.

LOST AND FOUND

POCKETBOOK containing American and foreign money, lost between Woolworth's Five and Ten cent store and Middlesex st. Return to Joe Jesus, 22 Bradford st. and receive reward.

PAIR OF GLASSES lost, between 6 and 7 a. m., Monday, between Prospect st. and U. S. Cartridge Co. Reward at 5 Davis terrace.

LADY'S WALTHAM WATCH with initials O. S. on cover, lost Sunday morning between White st. and St. Jean Baptiste church or on Moody st. car. Reward if returned to 59 Bolton st.

SOLID GOLD old fashioned pin lost Monday afternoon; valued for association. Reward. The Marion Studio.

POCKETBOOK lost, containing money, stamps and gold rosary, in Nelson's Dept. store. Reward at Traveler Shoe Store. Tel. 2556-J.

COLLIE DOG lost, name on collar is "Duke Eryes, 119 Belknap st., Dover, N. H." Reward if returned to 139 7th ave.

AUTO SERVICE

AUTOMOBILE livery; comfortable, new, 7-passenger Studebaker cars for theatre parties, christenings, weddings and out of town. Prices reasonable. All city work, cab rates, day or night; careful driver. J. F. Forgays, 36 Corbett st. Tel. 197-J.

FOR SALE

SELL CHEAP—Wood, $5 cord; fireplace wood, $5.50; small wood, $3; chestnut, $4; apples, 90c; seconds, 60c; one heifer, coming in; one cow. Bessie Gates, phone 38-13, Westford.

SINGING CANARIES for sale, home raised, also gold finches and gold finch mules at 184 Middlesex st. top floor, call evenings after 6.

BEAUTIFUL MUSKRAT lined coat, seal collar, brand new, never worn, value $85, sell for $45. Fine present for someone for Xmas. Inquire 146 Gorham st.

SHOE REPAIRING outfit for sale, with full line of machinery, doing good business. Reason for selling other business to attend to. Address H 78, Sun office.

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD, all around business horse for sale, weighing 1300 lbs. Extra good, young cow; changed occupation. George Symmes, Westford.

ALL KINDS of new and second hand sewing machines, Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, White, drop-head, etc., from $5 up. Call 31 Lakeview ave.

REMOVAL SALE—Now is the time to do your Christmas shopping. A splendid line of watches and jewelry must be sold this week at a big reduction. Waltham, gold-filled bracelet watches, $12 value, cut to $8.75. Waltham, 16 size, $12 value, cut to $5.95. Gold topped gent's knife and gold-filled chain, $3 value, cut to $2. 21-jewel watches cut to $7.25. Removing Jan. 1 to 259 Middlesex st. J. R. Collett, 30 Gorham st.

A LOT OF SECOND-HAND RADIATORS FOR SALE

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LAWLESS NOONEN'S Hair Stain, Brown, Black, 25c, 50c. Dows, Lowell Pharmacy, Noonan's, Storrey's, Stevens.

MY CHRISTMAS present to the public—All pianos marked down instead of up, for next week. The Huntington, Christman, Crown and Mathusheck. The best pianos in the world, low prices and great bargains. W. F. Trumbell, 101 Westford st.

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STOVE REPAIRS—We carry in stock linings, grates, water fronts and other parts to fit all ranges. Telephone 4170. Quinn Stove Repair Co., 140 Gorham st.

IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

CHIMNEY EXPERTS—Limburg Co. Chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge st. Tel. 945.

ROOFERS—J. Burns & Son, slate roofers. Roofs repaired. Tel. 3252-W. 365 Concord st, Tel. 1459-J. 200 Pleasant st.

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TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

Southern Div.

To Boston Lve.	To Boston Arr.	From Boston Lve.	From Boston Arr.
5.33	6.56	2.55	3.33
6.25	7.26	6.00	6.58
6.47	7.32	7.13	8.24
16.40	7.53	7.50	8.35
6.57	8.04	n9.21	9.34
7.21	8.05	9.60	9.33
s7.23	8.49	0.30	10.03
7.53	8.37	11.30	12.09
8.56	9.37	12.30	1.03
n9.20	10.31	1.05	1.57
9.36	10.22	2.00	3.10
10.19	11.25	3.00	3.47
10.53	11.40	b3.41	5.00
12.15	1.05	4.00	4.30
1.50	2.30	4.14	5.31
2.30	8.27	6.00	5.30
b2.30	4.16	b5.21	6.34
3.55	4.35	5.33	6.29
4.17	5.26	b5.51	7.10
5.25	6.00	6.14	7.23
6.36	6.30	8.00	8.38
b6.02	7.10	8.30	9.63
6.22	7.05	9.45	10.40
8.15	8.57	10.30	11.38
9.45	10.50	11.40	12.36

Portland Div.

To Boston Lve.	To Boston Arr.	From Boston Lve.	From Boston Arr.
6.35	7.26	s6.35	8.00
n7.54	8.45	9.15	10.32
9.40	10.57	10.50	11.46
10.59	12.07	11.50	12.55
12.05	1.13	3.30	4.40
z1.27	2.40	5.14	6.19
3.43	4.41	6.03	7.06
5.15	6.44	6.30	7.56
7.05	8.15	9.50	11.14
10.25	11.38		

Sunday Trains

Southern Division

6.47	7.30	8.45	9.47
7.21	8.05	9.30	10.08
8.25	9.31	11.30	12.09
9.14	10.06	1.00	1.52
10.20	11.17	5.30	6.31
2.52	3.25	7.15	8.20
5.10	6.00	8.00	8.88
6.23	7.10	8.30	9.06
8.15	8.67	9.20	10.25
8.45	9.53	10.29	11.26
9.45	10.20		

Portland Division

8.20	9.27	8.00	9.18
12.10	1.16	12.00	1.00
3.50	5.06	3.30	4.45
5.45	7.00	5.20	6.36
8.55	10.04	8.45	9.47

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KEY TO FIRE ALARM BOXES

1 All box numbers commencing with the figure one, as 12, 13, etc., up to 131 are located within a radius of about one-half mile from the North common, extending from Dutton street north to Pawtucket street and from School street east to Merrimack mills.

2 All box numbers commencing with two as 21, 23, etc., are located in the business area about one-quarter mile radius from the post office, extending from Boott mills to South common and from Dutton street to Concord river.

3 All box numbers commencing with three, are located in the lower Highlands, extending from the depot to Wilder street and from Hale street along the line of Western avenue and Pawtucket canal to Pawtucket street.

4 All box numbers commencing with four, are located in the Ayer's City and Bleachery districts, extending from Edson cemetery northerly to Hale street and from Chelmsford street easterly to Concord river.

5 All numbers commencing with five, are located in the upper Highlands and Middlesex Village.

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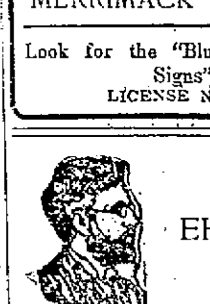

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PROFIT SHARING PLAN

International Harvester Co. to Assist its 30,000 Employes to Become Stockholders

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The International Harvester company today announced a plan to assist its 35,000 employes to become stockholders and sharers in the company's profits.

Under the plan, which becomes effective tomorrow, all employes will have an opportunity to purchase profit sharing certificates in the company, payments for which will be made in monthly instalments from their salaries. These certificates, it is provided, may be converted into stock at three dollars below the market value.

The profit sharing certificates range in denominations from $50 to $1000. To every employe who takes advantage of the offer before March 1, 1916, the company will add to his payment one per cent. of his earnings annually.

Interest will be paid at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on all employes' payments and credits on his profit sharing certificate. In addition to the annual dividends on stock the company also will pay to the employe an extra dividend.

Provision is made for postponement of payments in case of illness or unavoidable layoff.

$150,000 LOSS BY FIRE

One of the Largest Business Blocks At St. John, N. B., Destroyed—Cartridges Exploded

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 23.—Fire last night caused $150,000 damage to one of the largest business blocks in this city occupied by the hardware store of W. H. Thorne & Co. A large number of rifle cartridges on the top floor exploded, but no one was injured.

HIGHEST IN OUR HISTORY

NOVEMBER EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO $331,144,527—YEAR'S TOTAL BILLION AND A HALF AHEAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Foreign trade of the United States in November jumped to the unprecedented total of $500,000,000. A department of commerce statement issued yesterday shows that imports as well as exports broke records for the month. A record of $5,000,000,000 for the past 12 months' exports and imports was set.

November imports were $164,319,169, more by $11,000,000 than the previous November record, made in 1912.

November exports of $331,144,527 were the greatest of any month in the country's history. The best previous month was last October, when exports were $328,030,281.

Twelve months' imports to Nov. 30 aggregated $1,730,243,229, against $1,858,645,027 for the preceding year.

The year's exports were $3,437,292,533, $1,500,000,000 more than the preceding year and nearly $1,000,000,000 more than two years ago.

The great amount of gold pouring into the United States is shown in the statement that $61,000,000 in gold arrived in November. Only $7,000,000 reached this country in November, 1914. Twelve months' imports of gold aggregated $410,650,076, compared with $58,352,035 in 1914. November gold exports were only $3,661,153, against $14,526,482 the preceding November. During the last 12 months gold valued at $19,667,557 left America, as compared with $233,057,825 the year before.

The net inward gold movement for the last 12 months was $390,983,419, against a net outward movement the year before of $174,705,790.

300 WOMEN KILLED

GERMAN POWDER MILL BLOWN UP AT MUENSTER—HEAVY DAMAGE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—According to advices to the Amsterdam Telegraaf, forwarded by Reuter's correspondent, a powder factory and several ammunition depots at Muenster, Westphalia, have been blown up. Great damage was done to the town, the newspaper adds.

Later advices from Amsterdam state that according to accounts received there, 300 of the 600 women employed in the Muenster powder mill were killed.

FIVE MEN ARE ARRESTED

LIQUOR ON TWO AUTO TRUCKS SEIZED IN CLINTON—ONE CHAUFFEUR DRIVES TO COURT

CLINTON, Dec. 23.—Liquor on two auto trucks was seized in the Burditt Hill section yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Sanderson and Thomas Murphy, agent for the Clinton No-License league. The chauffeur of one of the trucks did as requested by Agent Murphy and drove his truck to the district court, where warrants were secured and served on the men on the truck.

Deputy Sanderson boarded the other truck and asked the men in charge to drive to the court. He was asked if he had a warrant for their arrest and when he replied that he had none, he was given a ride for more than a mile until the corner of Main and Water streets was reached, when Sanderson suggested that if the chauffeur would slow down some he would get off and leave them.

The driver slowed up and Sanderson jumped off. He went to the court and got warrants and turned them over to Chief of Police Thomas J. O'Malley. The chief pressed the department auto into service and in a short time had come across the truck and placed the men on it under arrest. They were Presno Rossitti of Fitchburg and Patrick McNally of 79 Front street, Clinton.

On the other truck were Patrick O'Malley of 12 Beacon street, Clinton, Giovanni Sonni of Leominster and Louis Marrano of Leominster. The five were charged with illegally transporting liquors and were bailed out to appear in court this morning.

REPORT DENIED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—In the house of commons this afternoon Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, declined publicly to give the names of the officers relieved from commands in connection with the landing of British troops at Suvla Bay on the Gallipoli peninsula.

It was suggested that the names were public property. Mr. Tennant replied that if this were so an announcement would be more punitive than informative. He denied a report that one of these officers had been cashiered.

KISSING UNDER THE BAN

HELPS SPREAD THE GRIP, SAYS MILWAUKEE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 23.—Kissing is under the ban in the grippe-ridden Milwaukee.

Dr. George C. Ruhland, health commissioner, in a "special to the general public," issued a warning against the unnecessary touching of lips.

With thousands of cases in the city, the health commissioner said that parents should not permit their children to be kissed; that sweethearts should forego the pleasure until at least after the epidemic is over.

"There is no more certain method of spreading the disease than by kissing," said Dr. Ruhland. "The germs of the disease are quickly communicated, when the lips of two persons touch. The public cannot be warned too much against kissing at this time when grippe has such a firm hold as it has in Milwaukee."

LET DEFECTIVE DIE

State's Attorney Refuses to Prosecute Doctor For Not Operating on the Bollinger Baby

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—State's Attorney Maclay Hoyne yesterday refused to prosecute Dr. Harry J. Haiselden for not operating on Baby Bollinger, a defective, in an effort to prolong its life.

JOHN GOLDEN'S DEATH

FINDING ON INQUEST BY JUDGE PICKMAN EXONERATES RAILROAD FROM ALL BLAME

The finding on the inquest into the death of John Golden, aged 38 years, of Albany, N. Y., who was run over and killed by a freight train in the Bleachery yard on Sept. 13, was submitted to Judge Enright of the local police court today. Golden fell under the wheels of the train while attempting to climb the ladder of one of the cars.

The finding concludes as follows: "I find that on Thursday, the thirteenth day of Sept. last past, about half past eleven in the forenoon, that John Golden while attempting to get on one of the cars of the freight train that was being run in the city of Lowell in said county, slipped and fell therefrom and was run over by the train.

"I find that the death of said John Golden was not caused by the criminal negligence of the Boston & Maine railroad, or of its officers, agents or servants."

BIG STEEL MERGER ASSURED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The proposed merger of Cambria Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., and two or three other steel companies is now virtually assured, J. A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown Co., stated today. Present plans indicate the capitalization will be at least $250,000,000, possibly $300,000,000.

BULGARS ENTERING GREECE

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22, via London, 23.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung of Berlin, a copy of which has been received here says that Bulgarian troops are entering Greek territory, but if they are not attacked by Greek troops they will confine their operations to seizing the Salonikl railway.

J. C. MANSEAU

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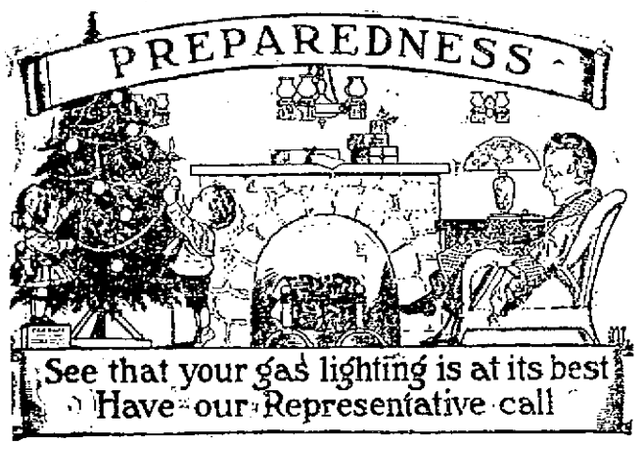

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Men's Mufflers.....$1.00 to $3.00
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Men's Neckwear.....25c to $1.50
Men's Gloves.....25c to $2.00
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Men's Handkerchiefs.....5c to $1.00
Men's Hosiery.....12½c to 50c
Fancy Arm Elastics..... 25c
Fancy Suspenders.....25c to $1.00
Men's Sweaters.....$2.00 to $7.50
Men's Hats and Caps.....50c to $4.00

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Women's Sweaters.....$2.95 to $7.50
Women's Silk Petticoats, $1.98 to $5.00
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Women's (Mark Cross) Gloves.....$1.50
Women's Handkerchiefs....50c to $1.50 (Per box of 6)
Women's Silk Stockings.....39c

Boys' Dept.

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Boys' Overcoats.....$3.95 to $16.50
Boys' Odd Pants.....50c to $1.50
Boys' Sweaters.....$2.50 to $4.00
Boys' Bathrobes $3.95
Boys' Raincoats $2.75
Boys' Play Suits.....$1.00 and $1.50
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Boys' Hats and Caps.....45c to $1.00
Boys' Neckwear 25c
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